
Subject: Re: Incorrect fit of elliptic to data
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 19:29:30 GMT
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Craig

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 19:38:22 GMT
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All I know is that if I had to do this technical support
gig for a living, I would charge a hell of a lot more for
it than I do now. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Incorrect fit of elliptic to data
Posted by [active-news](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 21:06:54 GMT
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I was thinking that supplying the data and the code in this way would be the
best but I now believe that I made a mistake in doing that, I apologize for
that.

Thank you for recommending your MPFITELLIPSE program, I think that will be
better suited for what I want to do and I will have a look at it.

Johan

"Craig Markwardt" <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote in message
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