Subject: Re: Incorrect fit of elliptic to data Posted by Craig Markwardt on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 19:29:30 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

"active-news" < johan\_marais@absamail.co.za> writes:

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- (c) you assumed that Fanning's fit\_ellipse function is for fitting elliptical shells, when clearly the examples show solid elliptical disks. That script computes the size of the ellipse based on the moment of inertial of the "blob." Is that what you want?
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Craig

Subject: Re: Incorrect fit of elliptic to data Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 19:38:22 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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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 View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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 news:onznipgr1h.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu...

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