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Subject: Re: Surface fitting image with missing data  
Posted by [werner.hupfer](#) on Thu, 31 Jul 2008 08:27:33 GMT  
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> pixels have values greater than 1, except within this chunk, which =  
> 0.  
>  
> SFIT fits these as valid points and tips my surface (a plane) towards  
> this corner! I thought I would be terribly clever by doing the  
> following:  
>  
> result = sfit( finite(image/(image gt 0)),1,/max\_degree)  
>  
> alas, SFIT isnt playing ball and makes a whole array of /NaN...  
>  
> Thoughts? Is there a version of SFIT (or something similar) with a /  
> NaN keyword? A more clever way to fit a simple surface to an image  
> with missing data? Thanks folks  
>  
> - Jim

Hello Jim

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Cheers  
Werner

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 04:52:20 GMT  
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Thanks for the plug!

Actually MPFIT doesn't accept NaNs but probably should. Even so, you can set the WEIGHTS to zero for your missing data (or equivalently, the ERRORS to a very large number).

Craig

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