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Subject: Re: Error detected while calling MPFIT\_FDJAC2  
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 22 Jun 2010 07:48:13 GMT  
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On Jun 21, 3:15 pm, Fermiona Fermiona <fermion...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hello,  
>  
> I used MPFIT within a loop and I got the following errors:  
>  
> % MPFIT: Error detected while calling MPFIT\_FDJAC2:  
> % MPFIT: Out of range subscript encountered: FJAC.  
> % MPFIT: Error condition detected. Returning to MAIN level.  
>  
> The function carried out "Iter 1", calculated "CHI-SQUARE" and  
> "DOF" then found the value of the parameters P(0), P(1), etc..  
> After that, it reported the above errors, and increased the dof by 1  
> (and consequently skipped finding the value of one of the Params),  
> then carried out the rest of iterations.  
>  
> What could be wrong?

Well the obvious answer is that there was an error while calling MPFIT\_FDJAC2! That is where the user function and its derivatives are evaluated.

I suspect you are attempting to compute your own explicit derivatives and not returning an array with the right dimensions and/or sizes.

Regards,  
Craig Markwardt

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Subject: Re: Error detected while calling MPFIT\_FDJAC2  
Posted by [Fermiona Fermiona](#) on Tue, 22 Jun 2010 09:40:57 GMT  
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Hello Dr. Craige,

I didn't compute the derivatives. The user function returns the residual:

```
FUNCTION LinearFit, p, X=x, Y=y, ERR=err, $  
    perror=perror, bestnorm=bestnorm, dof=dof
```

```
    model = p[0]+p[1]*x  
    resid = (y-model)/err
```

```
    return, resid
```

END

and inside the procedure, I had:

```
p0 = [51.0,-0.5]
args = {X:x_n, Y:y_n, ERR:yerr}
fit_res = mpfit('LinearFit', p0, functargs=args,perror=perror,
bestnorm=bestnorm, dof=dof)
```

The first time I called mpfit outside of the loop, there was no error.

When mpfit was called again, from inside the loop this time, I got the error I mentioned.

Many thanks!

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Subject: Re: Error detected while calling MPFIT\_FDJAC2  
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 23 Jun 2010 04:47:16 GMT  
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On Jun 22, 5:40 am, Fermiona Fermiona <fermion...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello Dr. Craige,
>
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> residual:
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I'm guessing what "inside" and "outside" of a loop might mean.

Forgetting a loop, does your experience mean that you can call MPFIT with some arguments a first time, and it works; and then you do it again with *\*exactly\** the same arguments and it fails? That would be odd.

Or, do you mean you are calling MPFIT recursively?

Craig

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Subject: Re: Error detected while calling MPFIT\_FDJAC2  
Posted by [Fermiona Fermiona](#) on Wed, 23 Jun 2010 06:35:32 GMT  
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The first time I called MPFIT was to fit an entire set of data (30 points), i.e. no need for a loop

The second time I called MPFIT was to fit a subset of the entire set (6 points at a time, hence the need for a loop)--> this fails

Thank you!!

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Subject: Re: Error detected while calling MPFIT\_FDJAC2  
Posted by [Fermiona Fermiona](#) on Wed, 23 Jun 2010 08:39:36 GMT  
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It works now after I found the "transpose" of the subarrays:

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args = {X:transpose(x_n), Y:transpose(y_n), ERR:transpose(yerr)}
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It would have been really nice if we could get an error about the wrong type of structure MPFIT accepts.

Thaaanks!!!

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Subject: Re: Error detected while calling MPFIT\_FDJAC2  
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 24 Jun 2010 00:16:17 GMT  
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On Jun 23, 4:39 am, Fermiona Fermiona <fermion...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Quoting the documentation...

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; X, Y or ERR. However the deviates \*must\* be returned in a  
; one-dimensional array, and must have the same type (float or  
; double) as the input arrays.

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Subject: Re: Error detected while calling MPFIT\_FDJAC2  
Posted by [pete.petrus](#) on Thu, 01 May 2014 14:28:01 GMT  
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On Wednesday, June 23, 2010 8:16:17 PM UTC-4, Craig Markwardt wrote:

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Ha ha bit me too.

"However the deviates \*must\* be returned in a  
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A error code for this (when the residuals are not 1-D) with something like STATUS "-19 Hey dumb-ass read the documentation" would be helpful

Cheers

-- Pete

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Subject: Re: Error detected while calling MPFIT\_FDJAC2  
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 01 May 2014 17:34:42 GMT  
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On Thursday, May 1, 2014 10:28:01 AM UTC-4, pete....@gmail.com wrote:  
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Good point. Could you run MPFIT with /NOCATCH set, to find out where it crashes specifically?

Thanks,  
Craig

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