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Subject: Re: doubt in chisq value

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2010 14:48:52 GMT

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Chisq can be calculated from the single line (e.g. see [curvefit.pro](#))

$$\text{chisq} = \text{total}(\text{Weights} * (\text{y} - \text{yfit})^2) / \text{nfree}$$

where weights =  $1/\sigma^2$ , and nfree is the number of data points minus the number of free parameters.

--Wayne

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Posted by [sid](#) on Tue, 02 Nov 2010 07:29:11 GMT

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Does the sigma value denote the error in each y value? If so can you suggest me how to find the error for each y value, mine is a spectral data. I am fitting a spectral line with 2 degree polynomial.

thanking you

sid

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