
Subject: Re: Fitting an ellipsoid with MPFITEXPR
Posted by [penteado](#) on Sat, 08 Jan 2011 00:19:59 GMT
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On Jan 7, 9:53 pm, johan <j...@skvera.co.uk> wrote:
> I need to fit an ellipsoid to data acquired.

What about

<http://www.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/down/mpfitellipse.pr> o

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Subject: Re: Fitting an ellipsoid with MPFITEXPR
Posted by [phillipbitzer](#) on Sun, 09 Jan 2011 01:27:25 GMT
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Posted by [johan\[1\]](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2011 12:54:51 GMT
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On Jan 9, 1:27 am, "Phillip M. Bitzer" <phillipbit...@gmail.com>
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Thanks for both replies. I used the routines from Ronn Kling for some time but I do have a problem with it. The values for both the size of the axis and the angles do not seem to be right but if I use the calculated second moment values, P, together with k=2 as follow:

theta: 0deg -> 360deg
psi: -90deg -> 90deg
 $u = [\sin(\theta) \cos(\psi), \cos(\theta) \cos(\psi), \sin(\psi)]$

$r = k/\sqrt{(u \# \text{invert}(P) \# u)}$

I was able to get the right size and shape of the ellipsoid but still needed the angles.

The routine `mpfitellipse.pro` is unfortunately only for 2-D. I did try to extend it to 3D. Again, the size of the axes are incorrect in my implementation but in this case the angles are correct!

When I created a "combined" routine by calculating the second moments and using the angles from the 3D implementation of `mpfitellipse.pro` I am able to get the desired result.

This will work for me but I feel uncomfortable with the fact that I do not get all the correct parameters from either Ron Kling's `krEllipsoidFit` or the 3D implementation of `mpfitellipse`, feeling something must be wrong and my implementation will not stand the test of time!
