Subject: Re: Minimization Problem
Posted by SonicKenking on Tue, 27 Mar 2012 12:44:32 GMT
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On Mar 27, 5:52 pm, IDL beginner <moxam...@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Any help is appreciated.
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You may wanna try TNMIN from the MPFIT package.

Subject: Re: Minimization Problem
Posted by Craig Markwardt on Tue, 27 Mar 2012 13:24:42 GMT
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Don't throw out the grid method. Depending on your application, doing a 1D grid search may be fine. You can pre-compute LA_INVERT(V2), LA_INVERT(V1), LA_DETERM(V1) and LA_DETERM(V2). The only thing that varies with B is the outer LA_DETERM(...).

The IDL Astronomy Library has a routine which brackets 1D minima, minf_bracket.pro.

You can also do this with MPFIT, it's one equation and one unknown.

Craig
