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Den söndagen den 20:e juli 2014 kl. 09:50:51 UTC+2 skrev Nims:

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That depends on the function that returns the function you are fitting, the name of which you passed to mpfitfun. If it returns  $p[0] + p[1]*X$  (which would make sense to me) then perror[0] corresponds the error in b and perror[1] the error in a.

But if you made it return  $p[0]*X + p[1]$ , then the order of the errors is the opposite.

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