Subject: Oddities with the linfit function
Posted by wdolan on Thu, 06 Aug 2015 21:51:18 GMT
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Thanks for your help!

Subject: Re: Oddities with the linfit function
Posted by wdolan on Thu, 06 Aug 2015 22:04:47 GMT
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I've also used the correlate function, and I get the same negative number as the 3rd value... But, then why would it be negative? It looks like it does follow the general data trend...

On Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 2:51:21 PM UTC-7, Wayana Dolan wrote:
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Subject: Re: Oddities with the linfit function
Posted by Helder Marchetto on Thu, 06 Aug 2015 22:08:23 GMT
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Kind of impossible. Are you using the "right" linfit from IDL that is found in /lib/linfit.pro?
If you can debug, try to step in the function and see where it brings you.
Or maybe even easier, try:
print, routine_info('linfit', /source, /function)

See also http://www.exelisvis.de/docs/LINFIT.html

Cheers,
Helder