
Subject: Re: Least Square

Posted by [J.D. Smith](#) on Thu, 07 Aug 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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R.J. Hall wrote:

>
> Dear all,
>
> I was wondering if the following can be solced using IDL (V4)
>
> Data:- Change in voltage against time
>
> Result:- Sinusoidal wave
>
> Is it possible to find the line of best fit, and thus derive its
> equation using IDL?
>
> The form of the equation is as follows:-
>
> $y = a * \sin(b * x + c)$
>
> Many thanks in advance
>
> Richard

You can use curvefit() as follows

Result = CURVEFIT(time, voltage, Weights, A, FUNCTION_NAME='sinfunc')

Weights can be replicate(1.0,n_elements(time)) if there is no weighting.

A is a vector of your parameters ... A=[a,b,c], set to an initial guess.
and sinfunc must be a function as follows:

```
function sinfunc,time, A, funcval, pder
s=sin(A[1]*time+A[2])
funcval=A[0]*s
IF N_PARAMS() GE 4 THEN BEGIN
  cfac=funcval*cos(A[1]*time+A[2])
  pder=[s,time*cfac, cfac]
ENDIF
end
```

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Posted by [John Lawrence](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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If you do the algebra on paper, IDL can do the arithmetic.

It is a large number of summations, and then a matrix inversion.

Actually, I used to do it in Excel. IDL is heaps easier.

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The fundamental particle of stupidity is called the Bozon.
