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Posted by [Gang Chen](#) on Wed, 28 Jan 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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> (so you must to make the needed conversion).

Hi Evilio,

I really appreciate your help on this. It seems that it almost works the way I wanted. But I have another question: Since the default grids are set with X= 0,...,NX and Y=0,...,NY in the source code for SFIT, how can I do for anon-uniform grids (e.g., X=0, 1, 4, 5, 9, ..., and Y=3, 4, 7, 11, ..)? Do I have to resort to interpolation so that values at uniform grids can be distributed?

Many thanks,

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Subject: Re: How to do surface fit?

Posted by [Evilio del Rio](#) on Wed, 28 Jan 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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On Tue, 27 Jan 1998, Gang Chen wrote:

> Hi,
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> I am trying to fit a surface (probably 2nd degree polynomial:
> $z=a+b*x+c*y+d*x*x+e*xy+f*y*y$) on a two dimensional grids with IDL. But it
> seems to me that SFIT and SVDFIT would not serve my purpose: SFIT only
> generates the values on those grids without giving the coefficients, and
> it uses different format of polynomial ($z=\text{sum of } k_{i,j} * x^i * y^j$); While
> SVDFIT works only for curve fit. Does anybody have any idea on how to do
> this by simply calling some existing functions instead of writing more
> complicate code?
>
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> your case:

```
IDL> zfit = SFIT(z,2,KX=k)
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```

They are calculated with the convention $X=0,\dots,NX$ and $Y=0,\dots,NY$ (so you must to make the needed conversion). Also it seems that they are reversed and the degree of X increases with the 2nd dimension on k and the degree of Y with the first (so the actual matrix should be TRANSPOSE(k), or so I see it):

```
IDL> help,x,y,z
X          DOUBLE   = Array[5, 6]
Y          DOUBLE   = Array[5, 6]
Z          DOUBLE   = Array[5, 6]
IDL> print,x,F='(5(F4.1))'
0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0
0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0
(...)
IDL> print,y,F='(5(F4.1))'
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
(...)
5.0 5.0 5.0 5.0 5.0
IDL> z = x + 3.0*y*y + 5.0*x*y
IDL> zfit = SFIT(z,2L,KX=k)
IDL> help,k
K          FLOAT    = Array[3, 3]
IDL> print,k,F='(3(F4.1))'
0.0 0.0 3.0
1.0 5.0 0.0
0.0 0.0 0.0
IDL> print,k[0,1] ; This should be coefficient for the term  $x^0*y^1 \Rightarrow 0.0$ 
; in our case
1.0
IDL> print,k[1,0]
0.0
```

> Many thanks,
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>
Cheers,

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"Anywhere you choose,/ Anyway, you're gonna lose"- Mike Oldfield
