
Subject: Re: Quasi-freehand curve fitting...
Posted by [ez95](#) on Mon, 09 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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It looks like

$$y=a \operatorname{Arctan}(bx+c) +d$$

In article <6e0mdb\$4s0@scotsman.ed.ac.uk>,
R.Brockie@roe.ac.uk wrote:

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>
> Hello folks,
>
> This is something which has been exercising my mind for a little while
> now. My problem is the following:
>
> I have pairs of numbers (x,y) which rescribe the performance of a
> system, usually with a fairly abrupt change of gradient. eg:
>
> | x x x
> |   x
> y|   x
> |   x
> |   x x x x
> -----
>      x
>
> Now, this preformance does not have any particular functional form,
> but I would like to draw a curve through the points to draw the
> eye. The closest I have got to what I wish is to use INTERPOL to
> linearly interpolate between the points and then SMOOTH to round the
> corners. However, getting a nice amount of smoothing drags the curve
> away from the points. I would like a nice smooth curve which does go
> through all the points, like one would draw freehand.
>
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> R.
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> routine. I have ended up using SPL_INIT and SPL_INTERP as SPLINE has a
> few limitations, the main being that it requires monotonically
> increasing x-values which I do not necessarily have.

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IDL> ix = sort(x)
IDL> x = x(ix)
IDL> y = y(ix)
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Now you do :-)

Stein Vidar

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