

fitting formula: linear fitting with errors

Suppose that in an experiment we measure  $(x_i, y_i)$

where  $x_i$  is independent parameter and  $y_i$  is dependent parameter. In general case suppose  $x_i \pm \sigma_{x_i}$  and  $y_i \pm \sigma_{y_i}$

Consider we have a model as  $Y_i = mx_i + C$  (Theoretical Model)

so

$$\chi^2 \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{[y_i - Y_i]^2}{\sigma_{x_i}^2 + \sigma_{y_i}^2}$$

for best value of  $m = m_{best}$  and  $C = C_{best}$

$$\chi^2(m_{best}, C_{best}) = \chi_{min}^2$$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial m} \Big|_{m_{best}} &= \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial C} \Big|_{C_{best}} = 0 \\ \rightarrow -2 \sum y_i x_i + 2m \sum x_i^2 + 2C \sum x_i &= 0 \\ \rightarrow -2 \sum y_i + 2m \sum x_i + 2C &= 0 \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} m_{best} &= \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) y_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}, & \bar{x} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum x_i \\ C_{best} &= \bar{y} - m \bar{x}, & \bar{y} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum y_i \end{aligned} \right.$$

or

$$m_{best} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i - (\sum x_i)(\sum y_i)}{\sum x_i^2 - (\sum x_i)^2}$$

$$C_{best} = \frac{(\sum y_i) \sum x_i^2 - \sum x_i \sum x_i y_i}{[\sum x_i^2 - (\sum x_i)^2] N}$$

Here after the most important task to do is finding errors of  $m_{best}$  and  $C_{best}$ , namely

$$\sigma_C^2 = ? \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_m^2 = ?$$

Generally we have 
$$\sigma_m^2 = (\sigma_m^{sys})^2 + (\sigma_m^{stat})^2$$

$$(\sigma_m^{stat})^2 = \sigma_m^2 (pop) + \sigma_m^2 (int)$$

Here I am going to compute intrinsic part of error

So

$$\sigma_m^2 (int) = \left( \frac{\partial m}{\partial y_i} \sigma_{y_i} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial m}{\partial x_i} \sigma_{x_i} \right)^2$$

We take into account  $\sigma_{y_i}$  so 
$$\sigma_m^2 (int) = \left( \frac{\partial m}{\partial y_i} \sigma_{y_i} \right)^2$$

and 
$$\sigma_{y_i} = \sigma$$

Also: 
$$m = \frac{1}{D} \sum \xi_i y_i, \quad D \equiv \sum \xi_i^2, \quad \xi_i \equiv x_i - \bar{x}$$

$$\sum \xi_i = 0$$

Therefore 
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_m^2 (int) &= \frac{\xi_i^2}{D^2} \sigma_{y_i}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{D^2} \sum \xi_i^2 = \frac{D}{D^2} \sigma^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{D} \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$



and

$$y = mx + c$$

$$y_i = m(x_i + \bar{x}) + c \rightarrow \begin{cases} b \equiv m\bar{x} + c = \bar{y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum y_i \\ c = b - m\bar{x} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_b^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{N}$$

$$\sigma_c^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{N} - \frac{\bar{x}^2}{D} \sigma^2$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{N} - \frac{\bar{x}^2}{D} \right) \sigma^2$$

Now we should compute  $\sigma^2$  which is related to  $(y_i)$

We saw that  $\sigma^2 = \frac{N}{N-2} \langle S^2 \rangle$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum d_i^2, \quad d_i \equiv y_i - \underbrace{(m x_i + b)}_{\text{optimum value}}$$

$$d_i = y_i - (m x_i + b) = e_i - Y_i - (m x_i + b)$$

$$e_i \equiv y_i - Y_i \rightarrow \text{Real value}$$

$$d_i = e_i - [(m - M)x_i + (b - B)]$$

$$Y_i = M x_i + B$$

Recall that

$$b = \frac{1}{N} \sum y_i, \quad m = \frac{\sum x_i y_i}{D}$$

$$m - M = \frac{\sum x_i y_i}{D} - \frac{\sum x_i Y_i}{D} = \frac{1}{D} \sum x_i (y_i - Y_i)$$

$$b-B = \frac{1}{N} \sum e_i$$

Plug in above terms in  $d_i$  and use  $\sum \xi_i = 0$  we have

$$\sum_i d_i^2 = \sum e_i^2 - \frac{1}{D} (\sum \xi_i e_i)^2 - \frac{1}{N} (\sum e_i)^2$$

$$= N\sigma^2 - \frac{\sigma^2}{D} [\sum \xi_i^2 + 2 \sum \xi_i \xi_j] = \frac{\sigma^2}{D}$$

$$\sum d_i^2 = (N-2)\sigma^2 = N S^2 \Rightarrow \sigma^2 = \frac{N}{N-2} \langle S^2 \rangle$$

$$\text{So } \begin{cases} \sigma_m^2(\text{int}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{D} = \frac{1}{D} \frac{1}{N-2} \sum d_i^2 \\ \sigma_c^2(\text{int}) = \left( \frac{1}{N} + \frac{\bar{r}^2}{D} \right) \frac{\sum d_i^2}{N-2} \end{cases}$$

\* Exercise: Do above approach with take into account  $\sigma_r$