

iminuit 1.3 (release candidate)

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- Interactive wrapper around C++ MINUIT2
 - Uses latest version from ROOT-6.12
 - Features of MINUIT2 without ROOT dependency
- Easy to install: `pip install iminuit`
- Official successor of pyminuit & pyminuit2
- Enhanced for interactive use and Cython compatibility
 - Nice print out in Jupyter notebooks and console
 - Simple plots build-in
- Issue tracker on Github (PRs welcome)
 - <https://github.com/iminuit/iminuit>
- Citable paper coming soon

Reference and tutorials on readthedocs.io

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MINUIT from Python - Fitting like a boss

iminuit is a Python interface to the *MINUIT* C++ package.

It can be used as a general robust function minimisation method, but is most commonly used for likelihood fits of models to data, and to get model parameter error estimates from likelihood profile analysis.

- Code: <https://github.com/iminuit/iminuit>
- Documentation: <http://iminuit.readthedocs.org/>
- Mailing list: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/iminuit>
- PyPI: <https://pypi.org/project/iminuit/>
- License: MINUIT is LGPL and iminuit is MIT
- Citation: <https://github.com/iminuit/iminuit/blob/master/CITATION>

In a nutshell

```
from iminuit import Minuit

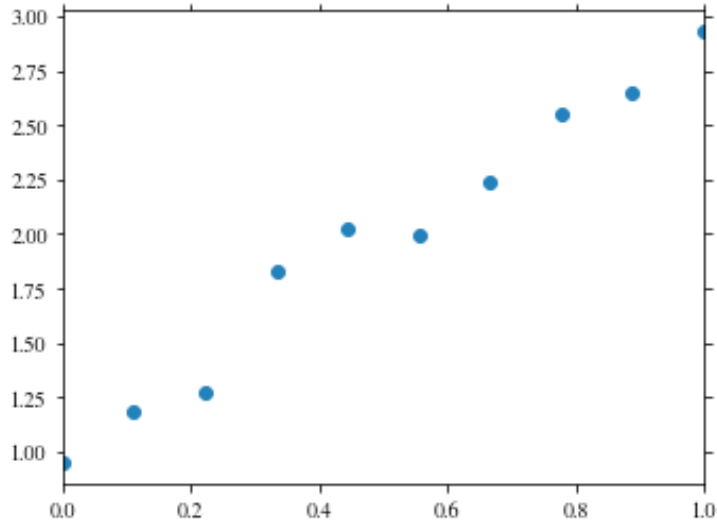
def f(x, y, z):
    return (x - 2) ** 2 + (y - 3) ** 2 + (z - 4) ** 2

m = Minuit(f)

m.migrad() # run optimiser
print(m.values) # {'x': 2, 'y': 3, 'z': 4}

m.hesse() # run covariance estimator
print(m.errors) # {'x': 1, 'y': 1, 'z': 1}
```

Example: line fit



```
def line(x, a, b):  
    return a + x * b
```

```
def least_squares(a, b):  
    yvar = 0.01  
    return sum((data_y - line(data_x, a, b)) ** 2 / yvar)
```

*Parameter names are detected automatically
by iminuit via introspection*

```
from iminuit import Minuit  
m = Minuit(least_squares, a=0, b=0, error_a=1, error_b=1, errordef=1)
```

In ipython notebook: `m.print_param()`

±	Name	Value	Hesse Error	Minos Error-	Minos Error+	Limit-	Limit+	Fixed?
0	a	0	1					No
1	b	0	1					No

Example: line fit

```
m.migrad() # do the actual minimization
```

FCN = 10.3870112514	TOTAL NCALL = 32	NCALLS = 32
EDM = 1.38398344664e-21	GOAL EDM = 1e-05	UP = 1.0

Valid	Valid Param	Accurate Covar	PosDef	Made PosDef
True	True	True	True	False
Hesse Fail	HasCov	Above EDM		Reach callim
False	True	False		False

\pm	Name	Value	Hesse Error	Minos Error-	Minos Error+	Limit-	Limit+	Fixed?
0	a	0.990966	0.0587754					No
1	b	1.94494	0.0990867					No

```
m.values['a'] # access fit value
```

Hesse and Minos errors

`m.hesse()`

\pm	Name	Value	Hesse Error	Minos Error-	Minos Error+	Limit-	Limit+	Fixed?
0	a	0.990966	0.0587754					No
1	b	1.94494	0.0990867					No

\pm	a	b
a	1.00	-0.84
b	-0.84	1.00

`m.errors`

`m.covariance`

`m.matrix()`

`m.matrix(correlation=True)`

`m.minos()`

Minos status for a: **VALID**

Error	-0.0587753813645	0.0587753813645
Valid	True	True
At Limit	False	False
Max FCN	False	False
New Min	False	False

Minos status for b: **VALID**

Error	-0.0990867388614	0.0990867388614
Valid	True	True
At Limit	False	False
Max FCN	False	False
New Min	False	False

`m.merrors`

Parameter limits, fixing parameters

```
m = Minuit(least_squares, a=5, b=5,  
           fix_a=True, limit_b=(0, 10),  
           error_a=0.1, error_b=0.1,  
           errordef=1)  
m.migrad()
```

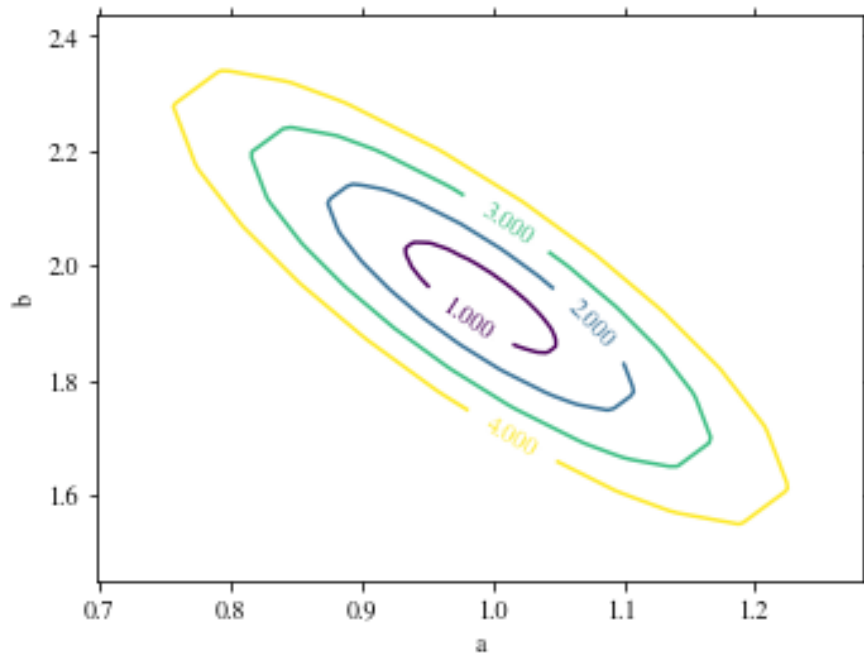
FCN = 9616.37716626	TOTAL NCALL = 13	NCALLS = 13
EDM = 3.49145226281e-13	GOAL EDM = 1e-05	UP = 1.0

Valid	Valid Param	Accurate Covar	PosDef	Made PosDef
True	True	True	True	False
Hesse Fail	HasCov	Above EDM		Reach callim
False	True	False		False

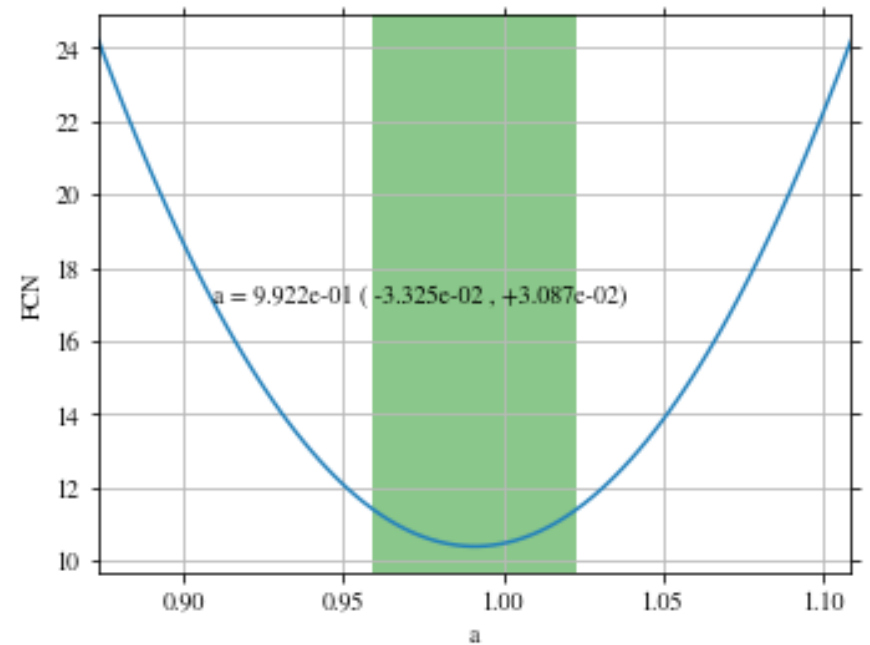
\pm	Name	Value	Hesse Error	Minos Error-	Minos Error+	Limit-	Limit+	Fixed?
0	a	5	0.1					Yes
1	b	0	0.00037873			0	10	No

Build-in Plotting

```
m.draw_mncontour('a','b', nsigma=4)
```



```
m.draw_profile('a')
```



Numpy support

```
import numpy as np

def least_squares_np(par): # par is a numpy array here
    mu = np.polyval(par, data_x) # for par = (a, b) this is a line
    yvar = 0.01
    return np.sum((data_y - mu) ** 2 / yvar)

m = Minuit.from_array_func(least_squares_np, (0, 0),
                           error=(1, 1), errordef=1)

m.migrad()
m.print_param()
```

\pm	Name	Value	Hesse Error	Minos Error-	Minos Error+	Limit-	Limit+	Fixed?
0	x0	1.94494	0.0990867					No
1	x1	0.990966	0.0587754					No

```
# accessors for numpy arrays
m.np_values()
m.np_errors()
m.np_covariance()
```

minimize interface

```
from iminuit import minimize # same interface as scipy.optimize.minimize  
  
result = minimize(least_squares_np, (0, 0))
```

```
      fun: 10.387011251394036  
hess_inv: array([[ 0.00981818, -0.00490909],  
                 [-0.00490909,  0.00345455]])  
message: 'Optimization terminated successfully.'  
minuit: <iminuit._libiminuit.Minuit object at 0x10ed3a668>  
      nfev: 36  
      njev: 0  
success: True  
       x: array([ 1.9449447 ,  0.99096644])
```

Result is of type `scipy.optimize.OptimizeResult`