

B. Fitting a straight line using χ^2 fitting (操作见课程主页 python code)

(power-law 的 fitting 也可以同样的方法处理, 只是要注意在 linear scale 下的 Gaussian noise 在 logscale 并非 Gaussian)

model: $y = ax + b$

$$\chi^2 \equiv \chi^2(a, b) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(\frac{y_i - ax_i - b}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$$

视 χ^2 为 a 和 b 的函数

(i) deriving best-fit parameters.

finding the minimum of χ^2 at:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial a} = -2 \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{x_i (y_i - ax_i - b)}{\sigma_i^2} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial b} = -2 \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{y_i - ax_i - b}{\sigma_i^2} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Defining

$$\begin{cases} S \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}, & S_x \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2}, & S_y \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{y_i}{\sigma_i^2} \\ S_{xx} \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2}, & S_{xy} \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{x_i y_i}{\sigma_i^2} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} bS + aS_x = S_y \\ bS_x + aS_{xx} = S_{xy} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} b = \frac{S_{xx} S_y - S_x S_{xy}}{\Delta} \\ a = \frac{S S_{xy} - S_x S_y}{\Delta} \end{cases}$$

$$(\Delta \equiv S S_{xx} - (S_x)^2)$$

This method is terribly sensitive to outliers that are having small σ_i but are largely offset from the model

can be alleviated with Robust Estimation

另有名词

(ii) uncertainty of parameters

Concept: viewing a and b as functions of y_i 's

Therefore, perturbing individual y_i measurements will also perturb a and b .

The uncertainties in a and b are thus related to the uncertainties in y_i 's.

for any function $f(y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{N-1})$, considering that we make infinitely many random realization of y_i 's around the actually measured y values based on the noise statistics, the variance of f is given by

$$\sigma_f^2 \equiv \text{Var}(f(y)) = E[(f(y) - f(y_{\text{measured}}))^2]$$

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$$\sim E\left[-\left(\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_i} \Big|_{y_{\text{measured}}} \delta y_i\right)^2\right]$$

assuming that the measurements are independent

$$E[\delta y_i \delta y_j] = \begin{cases} \sigma_i^2 & \text{for } j=i \\ 0 & \text{for } j \neq i \end{cases}$$

$$\sim \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \sigma_i^2 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_i} \right)^2$$

To know the variance of a , and b , we first evaluate

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial a}{\partial y_i} = \frac{S x_i - S_x}{\sigma_i^2 \Delta} \\ \frac{\partial b}{\partial y_i} = \frac{S_{xx} - S_x x_i}{\sigma_i^2 \Delta} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sigma_a^2 = S / \Delta \\ \sigma_b^2 = S_{xx} / \Delta \end{cases}$$

iii) goodness-of-fitting: discussed later

C. General linear problem using χ^2 fitting

Problems that depend linearly on the parameters a_k , $k=0, \dots, M$

For example,

1. fitting polynomials: $y(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{M-1} x^{M-1}$
2. expanding with basis functions: $y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} a_k X_k(x)$
(e.g. Fourier analysis) members of the basis functions.

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left[\frac{y_i - \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} a_k X_k(x_i)}{\sigma_i} \right]^2, \text{ which has a minimum at}$$

對 a_k 偏微分, 找微分等於 0 處

$$0 = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \left[y_i - \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} a_j X_j(x_i) \right] X_k(x_i), \quad k=0, \dots, M-1 \quad \text{--- Eq. (1)}$$

$$\text{defining } \alpha_{kj} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{X_j(x_i) X_k(x_i)}{\sigma_i^2}, \quad \beta_k = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{y_i X_k(x_i)}{\sigma_i^2}$$

Then Eq. (1) can be expressed as a matrix equation.

$$\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{\beta}$$

(i) determining best-fit parameters

defining $\vec{C} \equiv \vec{\alpha}^{-1}$
covariant matrix

此處自己寫程式時可以 `numpy.linalg.pinv` 求反矩陣之演算法
(the inverse matrix of $\vec{\alpha}$, i.e., $\vec{C} \cdot \vec{\alpha} = \mathbb{I}$)

$$\Rightarrow a_j = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \vec{\alpha}^{-1}_{jk} \beta_k = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} C_{jk} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{y_i X_k(x_i)}{\sigma_i^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial a_j}{\partial y_i} = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} C_{jk} X_k(x_i) / \sigma_i^2$$

similar to the simpler case of fitting a line, we can know the variance of a_k after knowing this term:

視 a_k 為 y_i 的函數

$$\Rightarrow \sigma^2(a_j) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \sigma_i^2 \left(\frac{\partial a_j}{\partial y_i} \right)^2$$

verify by yourself

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} C_{jk} C_{jl} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{X_k(x_i) X_l(x_i)}{\sigma_i^2} \right]$$

$$= C_{jj}$$

$\vec{\alpha}$ by definition

The variance of a parameter is given by the diagonal term of the covariant matrix

此矩陣 `numpy.linalg.pinv` 可求反矩陣之演算法
反矩陣不存在, 如 $\vec{\alpha}$ 為 singular 情形時, 此方法會 crash.
發生在解為 ambiguous 情形, 例多組不同的 a_k 對數據的描述一樣好.
此時應用 "Singular Value Decomposit." 求 χ^2 極小值.