

# $\chi^2$ fitting to a straight line.

- \* We consider a set of  $N$  data points  $(x_i, y_i)$ .
- \* We assume that the uncertainty (deviation)  $\sigma_i$  associated with measurement  $y_i$ .
- \* We want to fit a model:  $y = \cancel{bx} + ax$
- \* the chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) function measures how well model agrees with data:

$$\chi^2(a, b) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{y_i - \cancel{ax} - b}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \quad (1)$$

- \* If the errors are normal distribution, the  $\chi^2$  function will give the maximum likelihood parameter estimator of  $a, b$ .
- \* by minimizing (1) with respect to  $a, b$  to determine  $a, b$ .

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial b} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i - \cancel{ax} - b}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$(u^a)' = a u^{a-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial a} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \frac{y_i - \cancel{ax} - b}{\sigma_i^2}$$

\* Minimum  $\chi^2$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i - \cancel{ax} - b}{\sigma_i^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial b} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial a} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N x_i \frac{y_i - \cancel{ax} - b}{\sigma_i^2} = 0$$

(2)

(1)

4 We define some summation:

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} ; S_x = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2} ; S_y = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$S_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2} ; S_{xy} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i y_i}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial a} = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \frac{y_i - ax_i - b}{\sigma_i^2} ; \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i - ax_i - b}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$\text{Minimum } \chi^2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial a} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial b} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a S_{xx} + b S_x = S_{xy} \\ a S_x + b S = S_y \end{cases} ; D = \begin{vmatrix} S_{xx} & S_x \\ S_x & S \end{vmatrix} = S S_{xx} - (S_x)^2 = \Delta$$

$$D_a = \begin{vmatrix} S_{xy} & S_x \\ S_y & S \end{vmatrix} = S S_{xy} - S_x S_y ; D_b = \begin{vmatrix} S_{xx} & S_{xy} \\ S_x & S_y \end{vmatrix} = S_y S_{xx} - S_x S_{xy}$$

$$\begin{cases} a = \frac{D_a}{\Delta} = \frac{S S_{xy} - S_x S_y}{S S_{xx} - (S_x)^2} \\ b = \frac{D_b}{\Delta} = \frac{S_y S_{xx} - S_x S_{xy}}{S S_{xx} - (S_x)^2} \end{cases} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{cases} a = \frac{D_a}{\Delta} \\ b = \frac{D_b}{\Delta} \end{cases}} \right\} \text{The solution for the best model fitting parameter } a, b$$

\* We must estimate the uncertainties:

$$\sigma_a^2 = \frac{S}{\Delta} ; \sigma_b^2 = \frac{S_{xx}}{\Delta}$$

prob. | fit  $y = ax + b$  for the data; estimate parameter and  $\chi^2$

$$x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

$$y = 2.2, 2.9, 4.3, 5.2, 6.3$$

$$\sigma = 0.2, 0.4, 0.3, 0.1, 0.35$$

$$y_i = ax_i + b \quad ; \quad \partial \chi^2$$

$$\chi^2(a, b) = \sum_i^N \left( \frac{y_i - ax_i - b}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$$

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

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial b} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i - ax_i - b}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} ; S_x = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$S_y = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i}{\sigma_i^2} ; S_{xy} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i y_i}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$S_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} = \frac{1}{0.2^2} + \frac{1}{0.4^2} + \frac{1}{0.3^2} + \frac{1}{0.1^2} + \frac{1}{0.35^2} = 150.5$$

$$S_x = \frac{1}{0.2^2} + \frac{2}{0.4^2} + \frac{3}{0.3^2} + \frac{4}{0.1^2} + \frac{5}{0.35^2} = 511.65$$

$$S_y = \frac{2.2}{0.2^2} + \frac{2.9}{0.4^2} + \frac{4.3}{0.3^2} + \frac{5.2}{0.1^2} + \frac{6.3}{0.35^2} = 692.33$$

$$S_{xx} = \frac{1^2}{0.2^2} + \frac{2^2}{0.4^2} + \frac{3^2}{0.3^2} + \frac{4^2}{0.1^2} + \frac{5^2}{0.35^2} = 1954.08$$

$$S_{xy} = \frac{2.2 \times 1}{0.2^2} + \frac{2.9 \times 2}{0.4^2} + \frac{4.3 \times 3}{0.3^2} + \frac{5.2 \times 4}{0.1^2} + \frac{6.3 \times 5}{0.35^2} = 2571.726$$

$$a = \frac{\sum S_{xy} - S_x S_y}{SS_{xx} - (S_x)^2} = \frac{150.5 \cdot 2571.726 - 511.65 \cdot 692.33}{150.5 \cdot 1949.08 - (511.65)^2}$$

$$= 1.046$$

$$b = \frac{S_y S_{xx} - S_x S_{xy}}{SS_{xx} - (S_x)^2} = 1.145.$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{y_i - a x_i - b}{s_i} \right)^2 = 0.698.$$

\* We must estimate the uncertainties in the estimate of  $a, b$

$$\sigma_b^2 = \frac{S_{xx}}{\Delta} \quad ; \quad \sigma_a^2 = \frac{S}{\Delta}$$

\* in detail If the data are independent, there are uncertainty to the parameters. The propagation of errors

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

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial y_i} = \frac{S_{xx}(S_y)' - S_x(S_{xy})'}{\Delta} = \frac{S_{xx} - S_x x_i}{\sigma_i^2 \Delta}$$

$$\frac{\partial b}{\partial y_i} = \frac{S S_{xy} - S_x S_y}{\Delta} = \frac{S x_i - S_x}{\sigma_i^2 \Delta}$$

\* The coefficient of correlation b/w uncertainty in  $a$  and uncertainty in  $b$  :

$$r_{ab} = \frac{-S_x}{\sqrt{S S_{xx}}}$$