

# fitting

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This notebook contains various examples of fitting models to data. - `scipy.stats.linregress` - `numpy.polyfit` - `scipy.optimize.curve_fit`

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Pythons Kernel used: Python 3

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In [1]: %matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
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## 1 `scipy.stats.linregress`

Official documentation: <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.stats.linregress.html>  
- Fits data to straight line. - Returns  $r^2$  value of the fit and other measures of regression goodness.

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In [2]: # Generate some synthetic data
x = np.arange(0,10)
y = x + np.random.rand(10)*3.
# (rand() returns a random number between 0 and 1.)
print(x)
print(y)
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[0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9]
[ 2.49203234  2.60020464  4.39461928  5.68487239  5.21871973
  5.08913947  6.25941227  8.15154709 10.82006884 10.92928637]
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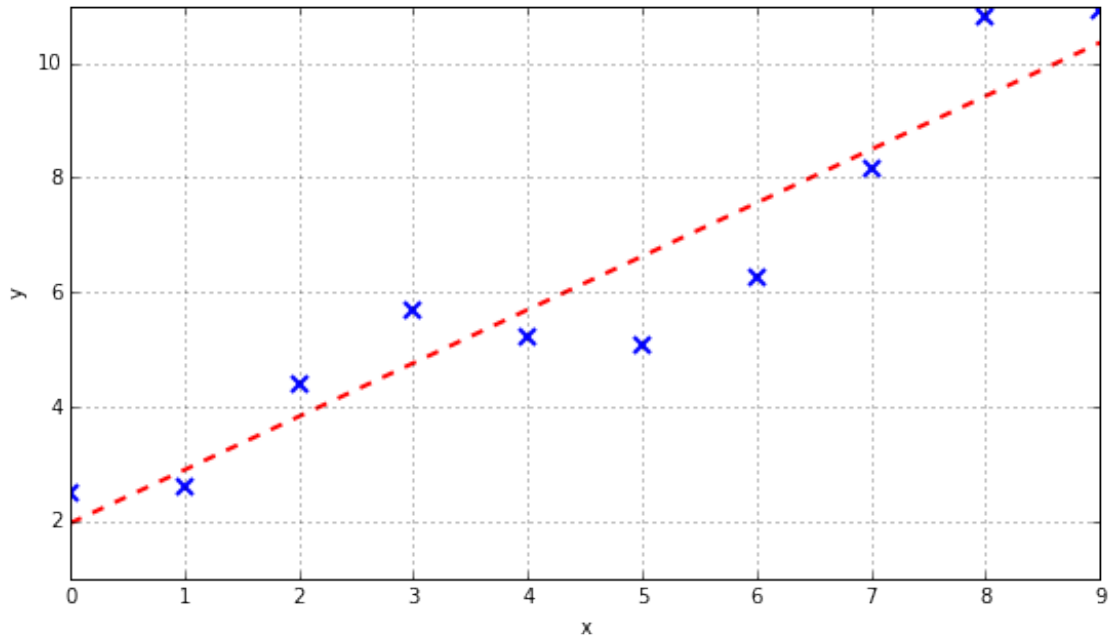
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In [3]: import scipy.stats as stats

slope, intercept, r_value, p_value, std_err = stats.linregress(x,y)
# Performing a linear regression data this way
# will return 5 values that must all be named!
#If you're not interested in all of these:
slope, intercept, *stats = stats.linregress(x,y)

print(slope, intercept)
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0.932442509894 1.96799894797
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In [4]: # Plot the data and the fitted function
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(9,5))
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax1.plot(x, y, 'x', mew=2, ms=8, color='blue')
ax1.plot(x, x*slope+intercept, ls='--', color='red', lw=2)
ax1.set_xlabel('x')
ax1.set_ylabel('y')
ax1.grid()
plt.show()
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R-value or coefficient of determination ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coefficient\\_of\\_determination](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coefficient_of_determination))

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In [5]: print('r^2: %.2f' % r_value)
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r^2: 0.95

p-value: hypothesis test whose null hypothesis is that the slope is zero:

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In [6]: print('p-value: %e' % p_value)
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p-value: 3.175766e-05

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In [7]: # Same as:
print(stats[1])
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3.17576555393e-05

## 2 numpy.polyfit

Official Documentation: <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-1.13.0/reference/generated/numpy.polyfit.html>  
- Fits polynomials to data. - Can handle fitting with error bars. - Faster than `scipy.optimize.curve_fit` but can only fit for polynomials.

### 2.0.1 Linear regression with and without error bars

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In [8]: # Generate some synthetic data (again)
        data_len = 10
        x = np.linspace(0, 10, data_len)

        # Errors in y
        dy_std = 3*np.random.rand(data_len) + 1 # "sigma"
        dy = dy_std * np.random.randn(data_len) # "error"
        # (randn() returns a sample (or samples) from the standard normal distribution.)

        # This is our data
        y = x + dy
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In [9]: # Do a linear fit with weighted data points
        coeff, *stats = np.polyfit(x, y, deg=1, w=1/dy_std, full=True)

        # Fitted function
        y_fit = coeff[0]*x + coeff[1]

        print(coeff)
        print(stats)

[ 0.83591565  1.67445201]
[array([ 3.86738613]), 2, array([ 1.35755084,  0.39630257]), 2.2204460492503131e-15]
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In [10]: # Compare with unweighted linear fit
         coeff, *stats = np.polyfit(x, y, deg=1, full=True)

         # Fitted function
         y_fitUnweighted = coeff[0]*x + coeff[1]

         print(coeff)
         print(stats)

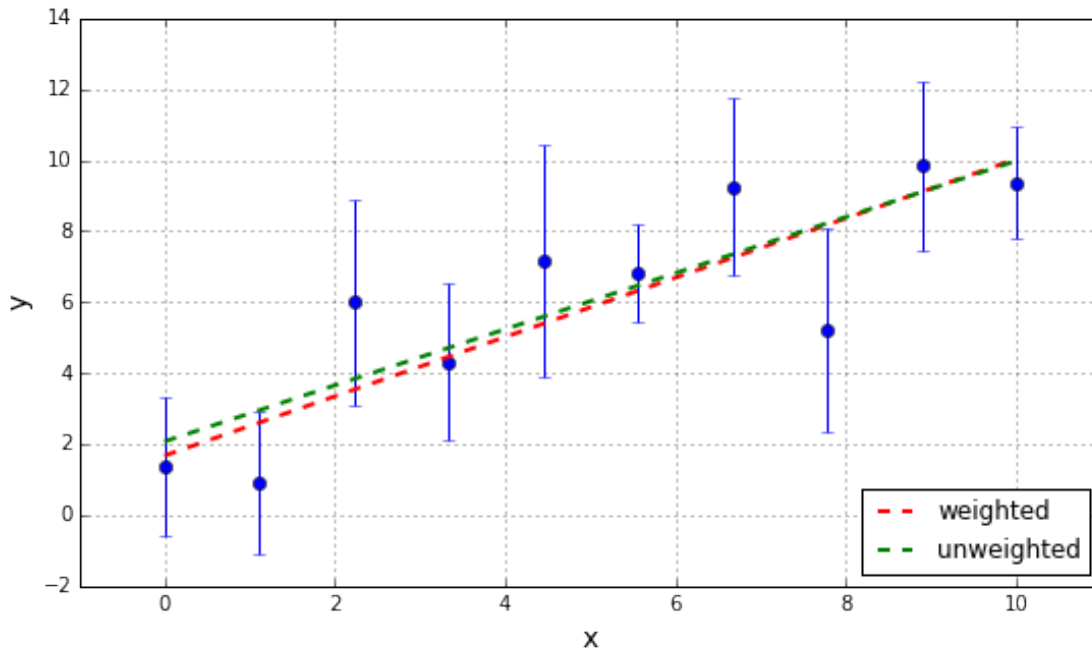
[ 0.79063729  2.07401126]
[array([ 25.73329231]), 2, array([ 1.35754456,  0.39632407]), 2.2204460492503131e-15]
```

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In [11]: # Plot the data and the fitted function
         fig = plt.figure(figsize=(9,5))
         ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
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ax.errorbar(x, y, yerr=dy_std, fmt='o')
ax.plot(x, y_fit, color='red', linestyle='dashed', linewidth=2, label='weighted')
ax.plot(x, y_fitUnweighted, color='green', linestyle='dashed', linewidth=2, label='unweighted')
ax.set_xlim(left=-1, right=11)
ax.grid()
plt.xlabel('x', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('y', fontsize=14)
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()

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## 2.0.2 Fitting a polynomial with $\text{deg} > 1$

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In [12]: # Generate some synthetic data
data_len = 10
x = np.linspace(0, 10, data_len)

# This is our data
noise = (np.random.rand(data_len) - 0.5)*30
y = x**2 + 3*x - 1 + noise

In [13]: coeff, *stats = np.polyfit(x, y, deg=2, full=True)
print(coeff)
print(stats)

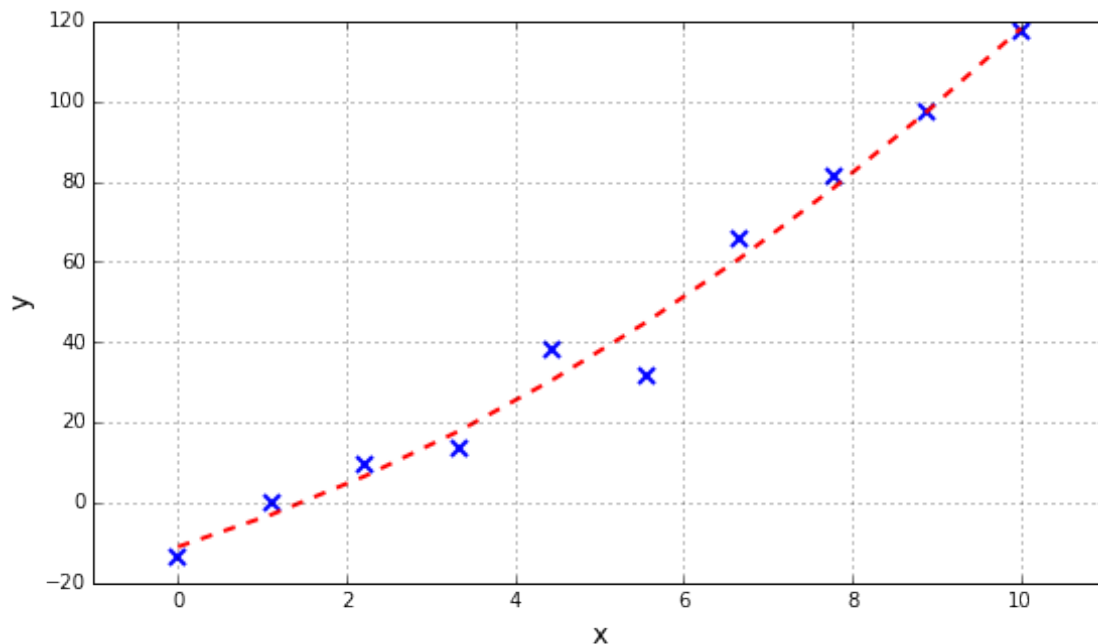
y_fit = coeff[0]*x**2 + coeff[1]*x + coeff[2]

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[ 0.63929305  6.5158868 -10.98083101]
[array([ 302.56091276]), 3, array([ 1.64219501,  0.53895301,  0.11280603]), 2.2204460492503131e-
```

In [14]: *# Plot the data and the fitted function*

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fig = plt.figure(figsize=(9,5))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(x, y, 'x', mew=2, ms=8, color='blue')
ax.plot(x, y_fit, color='red', linestyle='dashed', linewidth=2, label='weighted')
ax.set_xlim(left=-1, right=11)
ax.grid()
plt.xlabel('x', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('y', fontsize=14)
plt.show()
```



### 3 scipy.optimize.curve\_fit

Official Documentation: [https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.optimize.curve\\_fit.html](https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.optimize.curve_fit.html)  
- General - Can fit data to any function. - Iterative methods - may be slow.

In [15]: *# Generate some synthetic data*

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sigma = 3
mu = 10
num_samples = 1000

s = sigma * np.random.randn(num_samples)*5. + mu
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In [16]: # Make a histogram
num_bin = 20
hist, bin_edges = np.histogram(s, bins=num_bin)

bin_center = (bin_edges[:-1] + bin_edges[1:]) / 2
# (bin_center will be one element shorter than bin_edges)

x = bin_center
y = hist
print(x)
print(y)

[-36.28851413 -31.15460551 -26.0206969 -20.88678828 -15.75287966
 -10.61897105 -5.48506243 -0.35115381  4.78275481  9.91666342
 15.05057204 20.18448066 25.31838927 30.45229789 35.58620651
 40.72011513 45.85402374 50.98793236 56.12184098 61.25574959]
[ 1  0  8  9 34 61 77 100 141 117 146 99 78 60 36 15 10  5
 1  2]

In [17]: from scipy.optimize import curve_fit

# Define a Gaussian function
def func(x, A, mu, sigma):
    return A * np.exp(-(x-mu)**2/(2*sigma**2))

# Supply an intial guess.
# Parameter A should be close to the maximum of the data
# Parameter mu should be close to the mean of the data
# Parameter sigma should be close to the standard deviation of the data
initial_guess = [np.max(y), np.mean(y), np.std(y)]

# Do the fitting
p_opt, p_cov = curve_fit(func, x, y, p0=initial_guess, maxfev=1000)

# Gives the optimized parameters and the covariance matrix:
print(p_opt)
print(p_cov)

[ 134.98412232  10.09545087  15.22813426]
[[ 1.98093582e+01  1.99440375e-04 -1.49046313e+00]
 [ 1.99440375e-04  3.36112019e-01 -4.95408300e-05]
 [-1.49046313e+00 -4.95408300e-05  3.36309713e-01]]

In [18]: # Plot the results
x_plot = np.arange(np.min(x), np.max(x), 0.1)

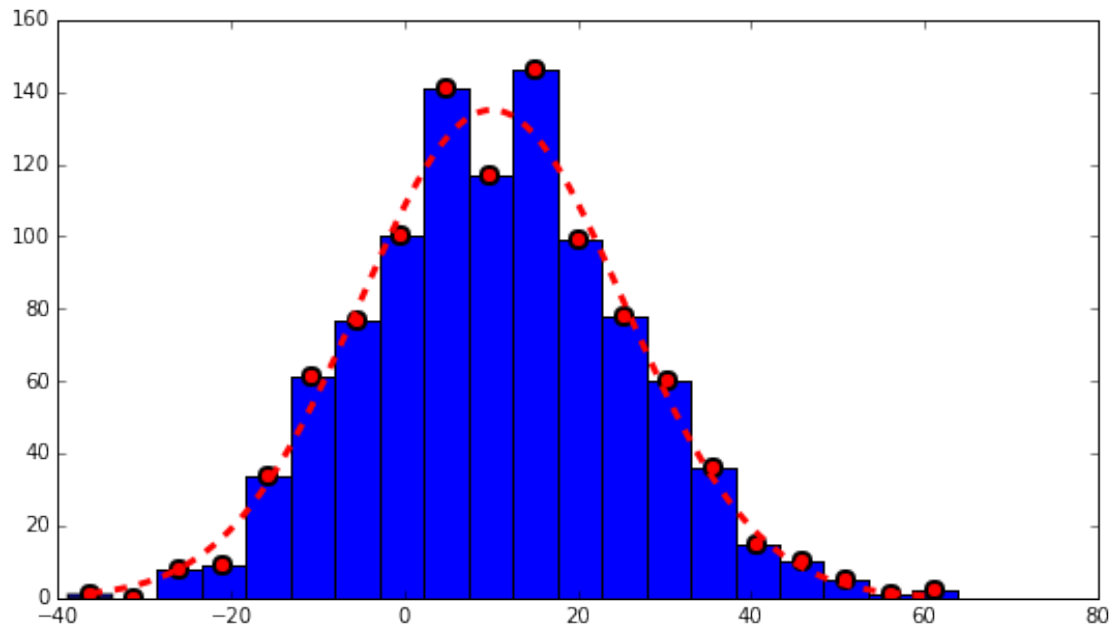
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(9,5))

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ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.hist(s, bins=num_bin)
ax.plot(x, y, 'o', mew=2, markersize=8, color='red')
ax.plot(x_plot, func(x_plot, *p_opt), linewidth=3, color='red', linestyle='dashed')
plt.show()

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