

# Lecture 4: Data

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- Data files and types (munging data)
- Least squares and  $\chi^2$  fitting

# Data

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Tabbed or simply delimited data can be read(or written) easily with `np.loadtxt` (or `np.savetxt`)

Multiple data sets from different types of experiments or simulations

Metadata: data about your data.

simulation ~ compiler flags or libraries, input parameters, dates, etc.

experiment ~ background readings of other equipment, instrumental settings, who took data, etc.

Pandas Library can read a large assortment of datafile types

Lots of different formats for data:

structured: `.csv`, excel (`.xlsx`), `.sql`

unstructured (markup for metadata): `.xml` or `.json`

(pseudo)file-system : HDF5, zip (with metadata in `.xml` or `.json`)

?Stata, Clipboard, Pickle, Feather, SAS, ...?

# Structured vs. unstructured

Structured: each entry has the same fields (csv, sql)

entry from SQL database, country demographics

```
id|code|name|area|area_land|area_water|population|population_growth|birth_rate|death_rate|migration_rate|created_at|updated_at|af|Afghanistan|652230|652230|0|32564342|2.32|38.57|13.89|1.51|2015-11-01 13:19:49.461734|2015-11-01 13:19:49.461734|al|Albania|28748|27398|1350|3029278|0.3|12.92|6.58|3.3|2015-11-01 13:19:54.431082|2015-11-01 13:19:54.431082|ag|Algeria|2381741|2381741|0|39542166|1.84|23.67|4.31|0.92|2015-11-01 13:19:59.961286|2015-11-01 13:19:59.961286
```

.xml file (extensible markup language)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<bookstore>

  <book category="cooking">
    <title lang="en">Everyday Italian</title>
    <author>Giada De Laurentiis</author>
    <year>2005</year>
    <price>30.00</price>
  </book>

  <book category="children">
    <title lang="en">Harry Potter</title>
    <author>J K. Rowling</author>
    <year>2005</year>
    <price>29.99</price>
  </book>

  <book category="web">
    <title lang="en">XQuery Kick Start</title>
    <author>James McGovern</author>
    <author>Per Bothner</author>
    <author>Kurt Cagle</author>
    <author>James Linn</author>
```

.json (javascript object notation) file, events from visitors to a website

```
{ 'event_type': 'started-mission', 'keen': { 'created_at': '2015-06-12T23:09:03.966Z', 'id': '557b668fd2eaaa2e7c5e916b', 'timestamp': '2015-06-12T23:09:07.971Z' }, 'sequence': 1, 'type': 'code' },
{ 'event_type': 'started-screen', 'keen': { 'created_at': '2015-06-12T23:09:03.979Z', 'id': '557b668f90e4bd26c10b6ed6', 'timestamp': '2015-06-12T23:09:07.987Z' }, 'mission': 1, 'sequence': 4, 'type': 'code' },
{ 'event_type': 'started-screen', 'keen': { 'created_at': '2015-06-12T23:09:22.517Z', 'id': '557b66a246f9a7239038b1e0', 'timestamp': '2015-06-12T23:09:24.246Z' }, 'mission': 1, 'sequence': 3, 'type': 'code' },
```

# Pandas

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## Import data as a “DataFrame”

- Collection of series (similar to ndarray, but not fixed length)
  - Can be created from dictionary of arrays, lists, or series
- Gracefully handles missing or corrupt data
- Many numpy operations also work on dataframes (slicing, whole set manipulation/operations, Boolean logic, etc.)

```
import pandas as pd
data=pd.read_excel("data.xlsx", sheet_name="day1")
df=pd.DataFrame(data,columns=['time', 'x'])
```

# Wrangling

```
data=pd.read_excel("/Users/damien/Downloads/data.xlsx", sheet_name="day1")
df=pd.DataFrame(data,columns=['time','x'])
```

```
print(df)
```

	time	x
0	0.0	-0.040263
1	1.0	-0.159246
2	2.0	-0.112235
3	3.0	0.451919
4	4.0	0.464793
5	5.0	0.472553
6	6.0	0.471418
7	7.0	0.604470
8	8.0	0.781627
9	9.0	0.977531
10	10.0	0.991702
11	11.0	1.117166
12	12.0	1.052343
13	13.0	1.154983
14	14.0	1.923066
15	15.0	1.225923
16	16.0	1.406605
17	17.0	1.756546
18	18.0	1.791405
19	19.0	1.824762
20	NaN	NaN
21	0.0	-0.143025
22	1.0	-0.172238
23	2.0	-0.024825
24	3.0	0.618444

## Boolean arrays:

```
dat=np.arange(10)
print(dat)
```

```
[0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9]
```

```
dat<5
```

```
array([ True,  True,  True,  True,  True, False, False, False, False,
        False])
```

```
print(dat[dat<5])
```

```
[0 1 2 3 4]
```

a Boolean array as an argument to an ndarray (or df) selects elements which are true

```
df['x'].notnull()
```

0	True
1	True
2	True
3	True
4	True
5	True
6	True
7	True
8	True
9	True
10	True
11	True
12	True
13	True
14	True
15	True
16	True
17	True
18	True
19	True
20	False
21	True

```
print(df[df['x'].notnull()])
```

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```
print(df[df['x']<1])
```

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25	4.0	0.584245
26	5.0	0.517715

## Ingredients of a data fitting problem

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- ❑ A set of data  $\{x_i, y_i\}$

Usually,  $x_i$  are measured with sufficient certainty, while  $y_i$  are subject to some uncertainty (i.e., error bars).

- ❑ A model function  $f(x; \{a_i\})$

The function depends on a set of **adjustable** parameters  $\{a_i\}$

For linear fitting, the function is simply  $f(x; \{a_1, a_2\}) = a_1 + a_2x$

Or in a more common form  $f(x) = a + bx$

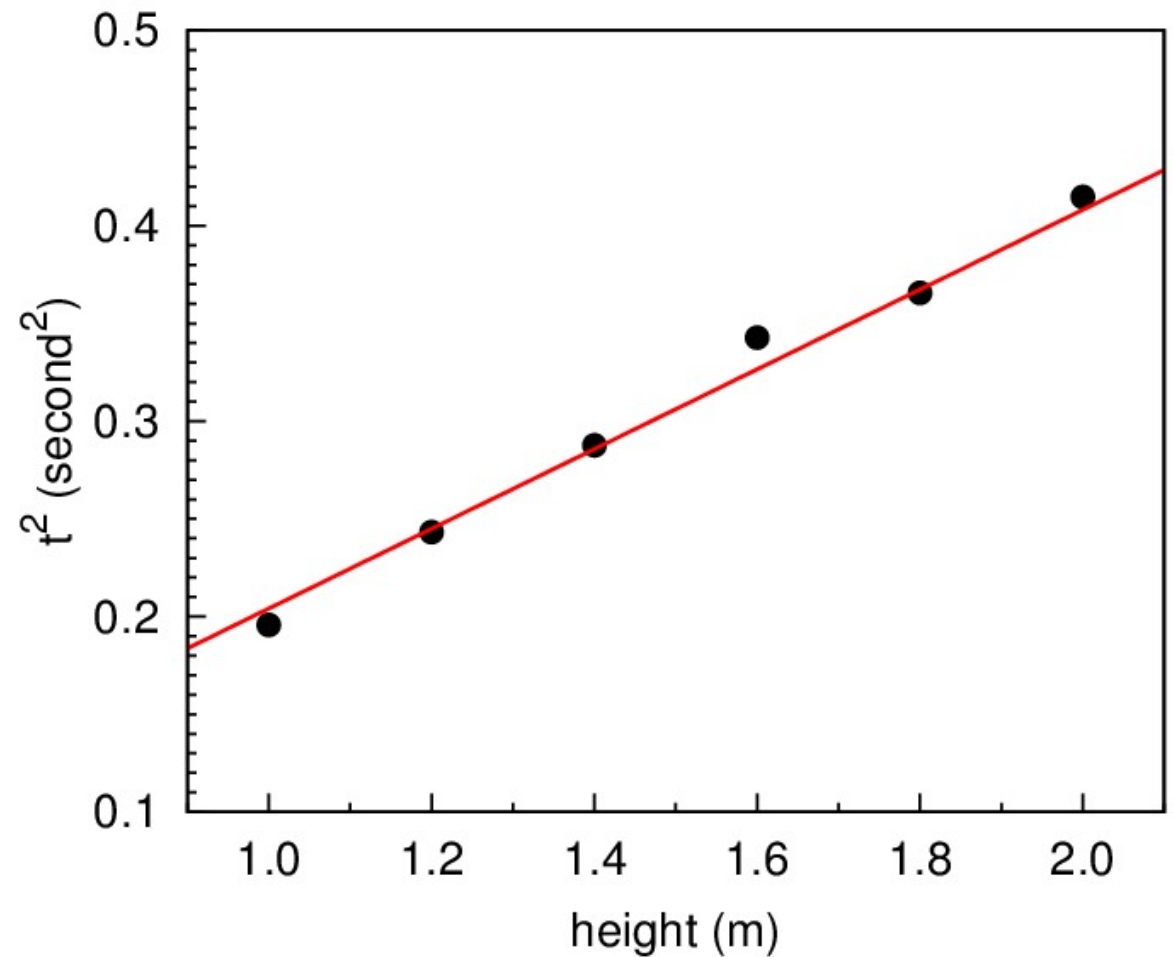
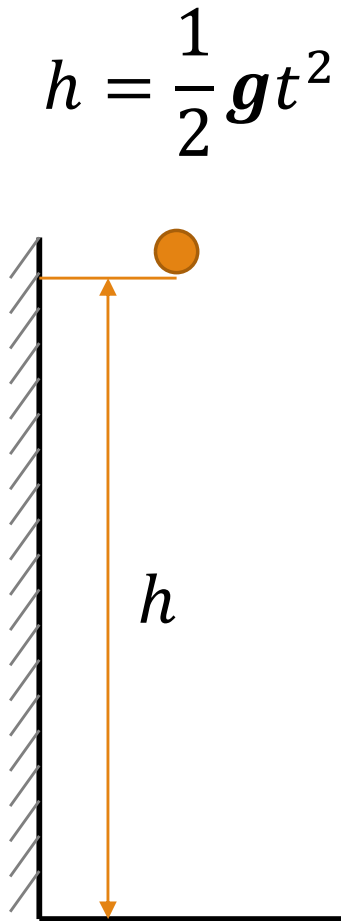
- ❑ A figure-of-merit to be optimized

**Least squares:** 
$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - f(x_i)]^2$$

**Chi-square:** 
$$\chi^2 = \sum_i^N \left[ \frac{y_i - f(x_i)}{\sigma_i} \right]^2$$

Least squares are special case of chi-square with **all  $\sigma_i$  equal**. On the other hand, chi-square can be considered as **weighted least squares**.

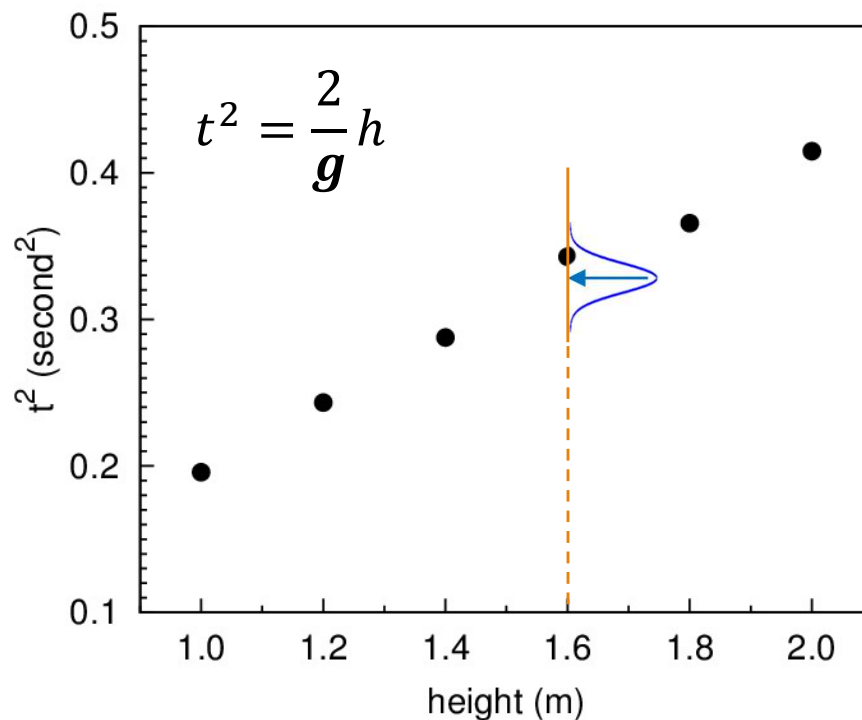
# Measuring the acceleration of gravity, $g$ , using free fall





## Why Least squares and chi-square?

$x_i (h_i)$	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0
$y_i (t_i^2)$	0.20	0.24	0.29	0.34	0.37	0.41



Why do the measured points,  $y_i$ , not fall on exactly a straight line?

Because any experimental measurement has an **error bar**.

$$P(y_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{[y_i - f(x_i)]^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

**Probability** of finding  $y_i$  in the vicinity of its actual (or expected) value with  $\sigma$  being the **standard deviation** (or error bar).

- The goal of fitting is to find the set of  $\{a_i\}$  that **maximizes** the probability for ALL measured points, i.e.,  $\prod_i P(y_i)$ .
- This is equivalent to the **minimization** of least squares or chi-square

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - f(x_i)]^2 \quad \chi^2 = \sum_i \left[ \frac{y_i - f(x_i)}{\sigma_i} \right]^2$$

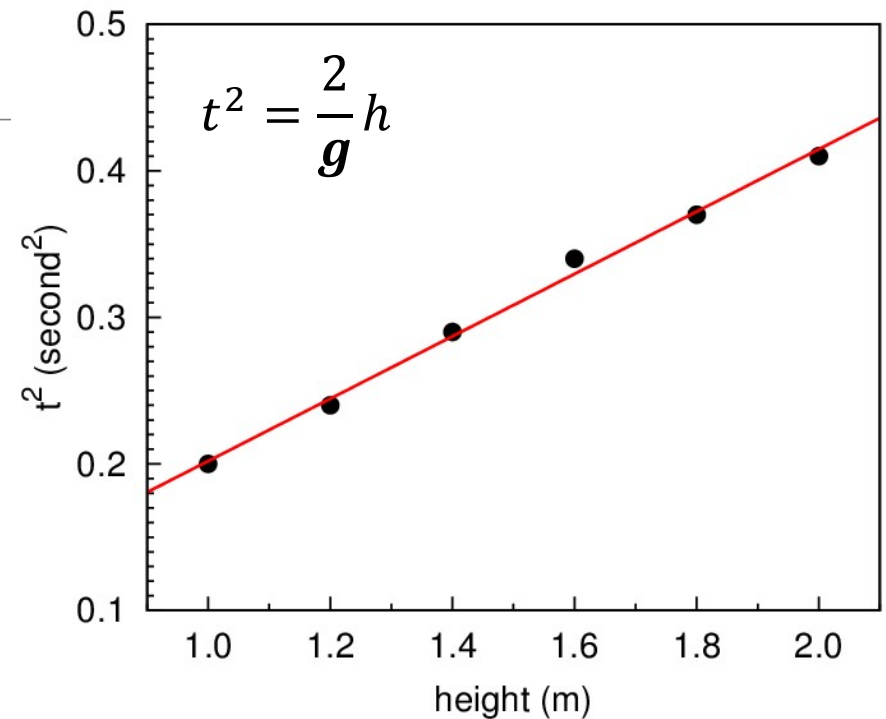
## Linear fitting (or regression)

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$$y = f(x) = ax + b$$

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - f(x_i)]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} S = & [0.20 - (a * 1.0 + b)]^2 \\ & + [0.24 - (a * 1.2 + b)]^2 \\ & + [0.29 - (a * 1.4 + b)]^2 \\ & + [0.34 - (a * 1.6 + b)]^2 \\ & + [0.37 - (a * 1.8 + b)]^2 \\ & + [0.41 - (a * 2.0 + b)]^2 \end{aligned}$$



$$S = 0.6023 - 5.848a + 14.2a^2 - 3.7b + 18ab + 6b^2$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a} = -5.848 + 28.4a + 18b = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial b} = -3.7 + 18a + 12b = 0$$

$$a = 0.213$$

$$b = -0.011$$

## Linear fitting – General formulation

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial a} &= \sum_{i=1}^N -\frac{2x_i y_i}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{2x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2} a + \frac{2x_i}{\sigma_i^2} b = 0 & \begin{matrix} C_{xx} \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2} \end{matrix} a + \begin{matrix} C_x \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2} \end{matrix} b &= \begin{matrix} C_{xy} \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i y_i}{\sigma_i^2} \end{matrix} & C_{xx}a + C_x b = C_{xy} \\ \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial b} &= \sum_{i=1}^N -\frac{2y_i}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{2x_i}{\sigma_i^2} a + \frac{2}{\sigma_i^2} b = 0 & \begin{matrix} C_x \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2} \end{matrix} a + \begin{matrix} C \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \end{matrix} b &= \begin{matrix} C_y \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i}{\sigma_i^2} \end{matrix} & C_x a + C b = C_y \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \frac{C C_{xy} - C_x C_y}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2}$$

$$b = \frac{C_{xx} C_y - C_x C_{xy}}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2}$$

Can we estimate the error bars in  $a$  and  $b$  given the error bars of  $y_i$  (i.e.,  $\sigma_i$ )?

variance is the square of standard deviation

## Errors (or uncertainties) in $a$ and $b$

For a function with independent variables  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$ , the **variance** in  $f$ ,  $\sigma_f^2$ , is given by the variance of the variables,  $\sigma_{x_i}^2$ , through the **error propagation** formula:

$$a(y_i) = \frac{C C_{xy} - C_x C_y}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2}$$

$$\sigma_f^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 \sigma_{x_i}^2$$

$$b(y_i) = \frac{C_{xx} C_y - C_x C_{xy}}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2}$$

Note: the variables here are  $y_i$ , not  $x_i$ !

$\sigma_i^2$  is the short form for  $\sigma_{y_i}^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C_{xx}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2}} a + \frac{C_x}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2}} b &= \frac{C_{xy}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i y_i}{\sigma_i^2}} \\ \frac{C_{xx}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2}} a + \frac{C}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}} b &= \frac{C_y}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i}{\sigma_i^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_a^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial a}{\partial y_i} \right)^2 \sigma_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{C x_i - C_x}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \\ &= \frac{C}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2} = \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{C^2 x_i^2 - 2 C x_i C_x + C_x^2}{\sigma_i^2} \\ &= \frac{C^2 C_{xx} - 2 C C_x^2 + C_x^2 C_{xx}}{\Delta^2} = \frac{C \Delta}{\Delta^2} = \frac{C}{\Delta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_b^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y_i} \right)^2 \sigma_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{C_{xx} - C_x x_i}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \\ &= \frac{C_{xx}}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2} = \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{C_{xx}^2 - 2 C_{xx} C_x x_i + C_x^2 x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2} \\ &= \frac{C C_{xx}^2 - 2 C_{xx} C_x^2 + C_x^2 C_{xx}}{\Delta^2} = \frac{C_{xx} \Delta}{\Delta^2} = \frac{C_{xx}}{\Delta} \end{aligned}$$

## Summary of Linear Regression

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Fitting function:  $y = f(x) = ax + b$

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

Solve for a and b by minimizing  $\chi^2$ :

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial a} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial b} = 0$$

Solution for a and b:

$$a = \frac{C C_{xy} - C_x C_y}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2}$$

$$b = \frac{C_{xx} C_y - C_x C_{xy}}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2}$$

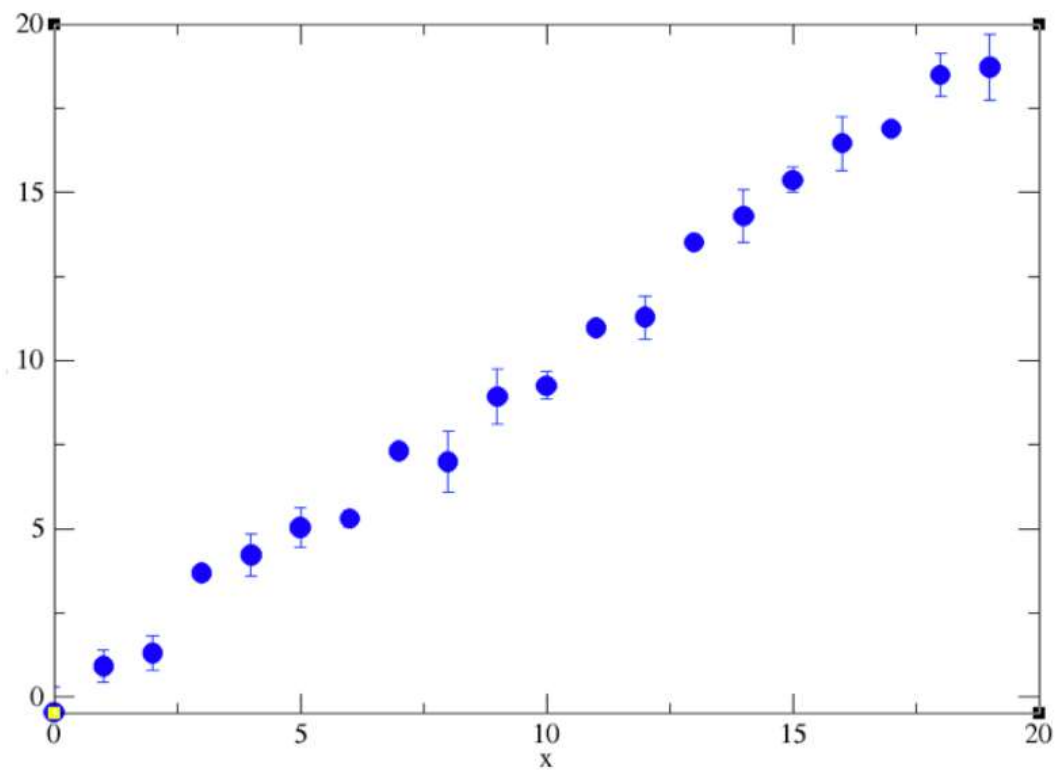
Error bars on for a and b:

$$\sigma_a^2 = \frac{C}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2}$$

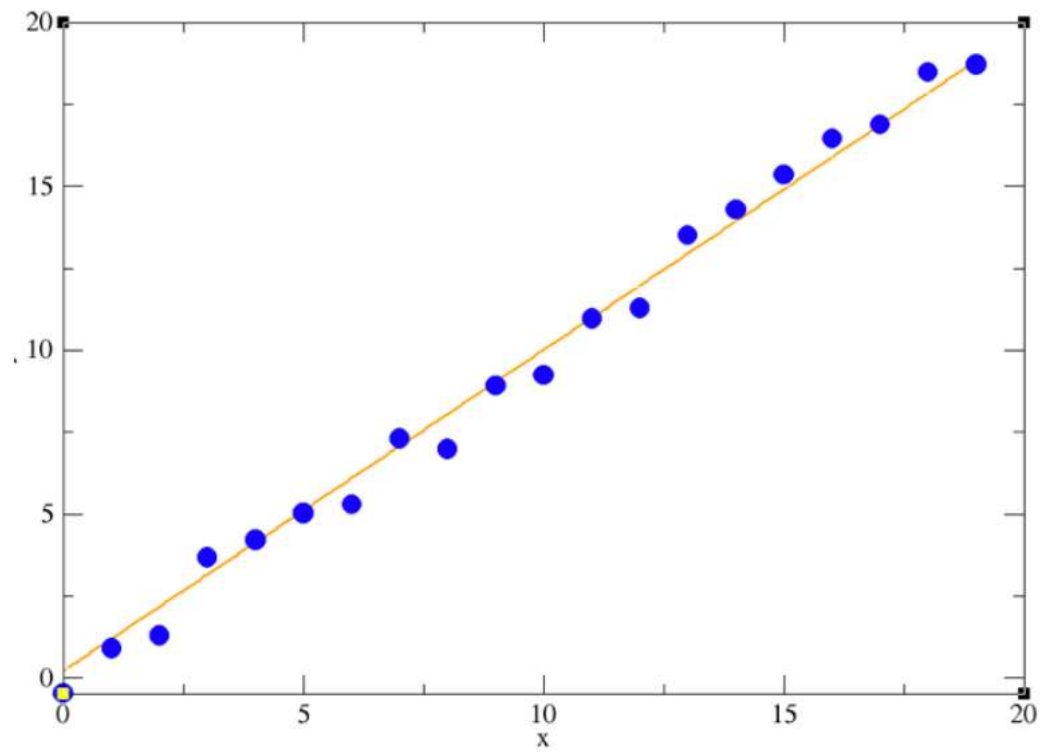
$$\sigma_b^2 = \frac{C_{xx}}{C C_{xx} - C_x^2}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{C_{xx}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2}} a + \frac{C_x}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2}} b = \frac{C_{xy}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i y_i}{\sigma_i^2}} \\ \frac{C_x}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2}} a + \frac{C}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}} b = \frac{C_y}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i}{\sigma_i^2}} \end{array}$$

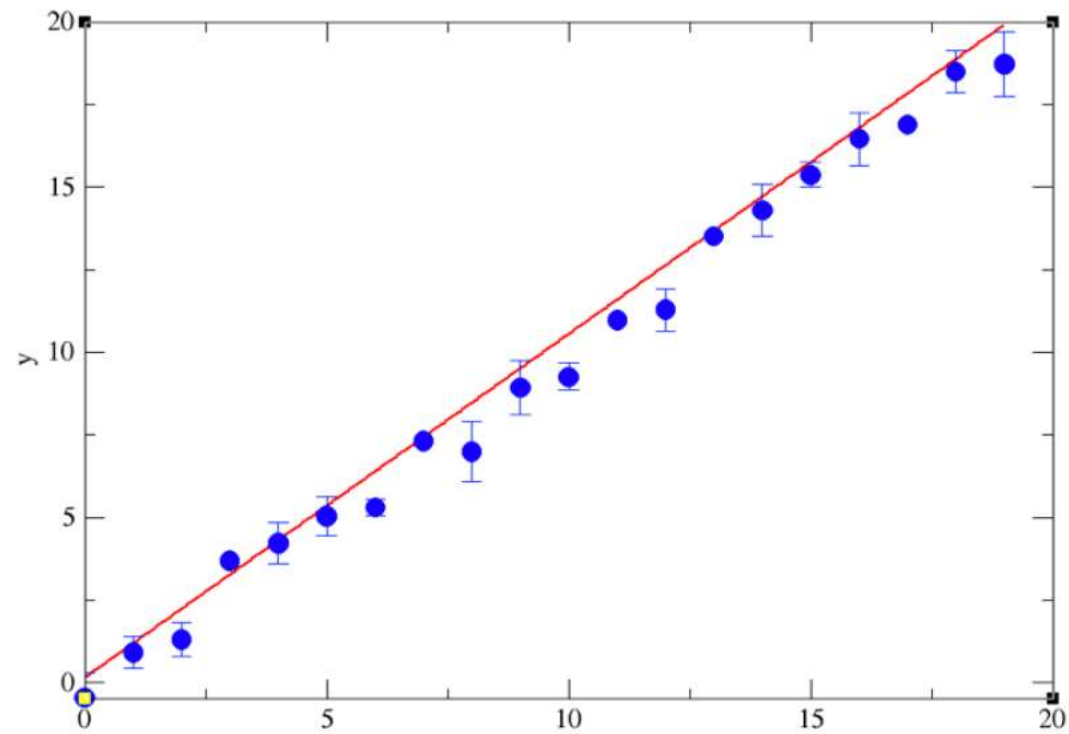
## Data Set



## Regression

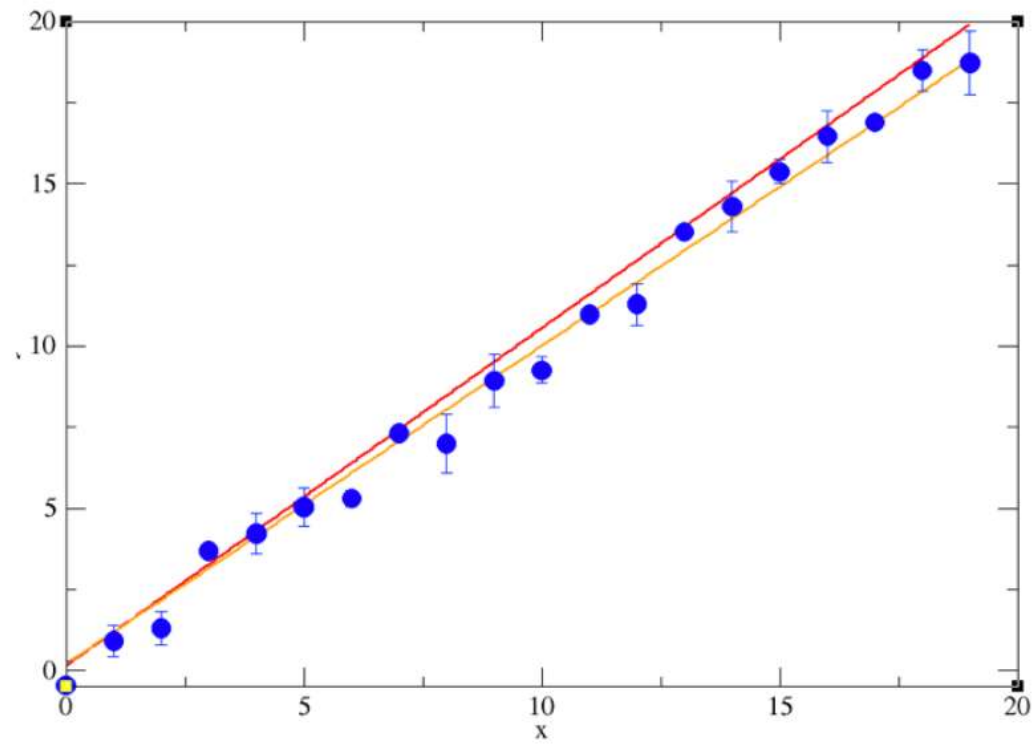


## Regression with Errors





## Comparison



# numpy.polyfit

`numpy.polyfit(x, y, deg, rcond=None, full=False, w=None, cov=False)`

Least squares polynomial fit.

```
fit = np.polyfit(x,y,1)
fit_fn = np.poly1d(fit)
print(fit)
```

(linear fit)

```
[0.08802552 0.08670555]
```

Returns:

`p : ndarray, shape (deg + 1,) or (deg + 1, K)`

Polynomial coefficients, highest power first. If `y` was 2-D, the coefficients for  $k$ -th data set are in `p[:,k]`.

`residuals, rank, singular_values, rcond`

Present only if `full` = True. Residuals of the least-squares fit, the effective rank of the scaled Vandermonde coefficient matrix, its singular values, and the specified value of `rcond`. For more details, see [linalg.lstsq](#).

```
fit,res,_,_,_ = np.polyfit(x,y,1,full=True)
print("variance =", res/len(y))
```

```
variance = [0.12962381]
```

**Goodness of fit,  $R^2$  value**

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{S}{S_{tot}}$$

with  $S_{tot} = \sum_i (y_i - y_{mean})^2$

# General least-squares problem

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$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^M a_k X_k(x) \quad (X_k \text{ are basis functions})$$

(note, fitting function is still only linear in the parameters,  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ )

Linear regression:

- $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x$  ( $f_0 = 1, f_1 = x$ )

Higher order polynomial (still considered linear regression):

- $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots$  ( $f_0 = 1, f_1 = x, f_2 = x^2, f_3 = x^3, \dots$ )

Nonlinear functions:

- $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 \sin(x) + a_2 e^x$  ( $f_0 = 1, f_1 = \sin(x), f_2 = e^x, \dots$ )

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

Minimize  $\chi^2$  to find  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$

will be a set of linear equations in  $a$ 's

# $\chi^2$ and nonlinear routines

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Non-linear routines may converge to “local” minima, not the true optimum

## scipy.optimize.curve\_fit

`scipy.optimize.curve_fit(f, xdata, ydata, p0=None, sigma=None, absolute_sigma=False, check_finite=True, bounds=(-inf, inf), method=None, jac=None, **kwargs)` [\[source\]](#)

Use non-linear least squares to fit a function, *f*, to data.

Returns:

**popt** : *array*

Optimal values for the parameters so that the sum of the squared residuals of `f(xdata, *popt) - ydata` is minimized

**pcov** : *2d array*

The estimated covariance of *popt*. The diagonals provide the variance of the parameter estimate. To compute one standard deviation errors on the parameters use `perr = np.sqrt(np.diag(pcov))`.