Assignment 3

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1 Fitting Data to Models

This weeks Python assignment is mainly focused on studying the effect of noise on the fitting process.

Firstly,we generated a file fitting.dat with 10 columns with first column as time ,while the remaining columns are data

The data columns correspond to the function with different amounts of noise added.Here,noise random fluctuations in the value due to many small random effects.Noise is assumed to be normally distributed.

Each column function with given σ:

$$f(t) = 1.05J_2(t) - 0.105t + n(t)$$

with

$$Pr(n(t)|\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}exp(\frac{-n(t)^2}{2\sigma^2})$$
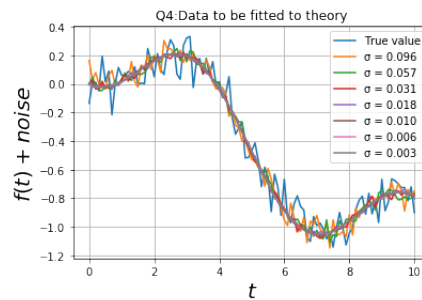

Figure 1: Plot of the data given

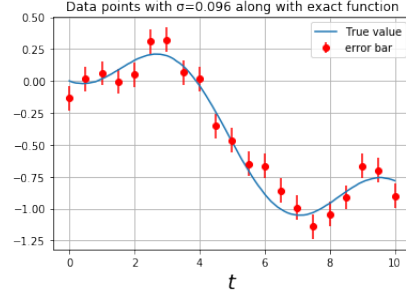Plot of error bar for one of the columns of the given data:

Figure 2: Data points for $\sigma = 0.096$ along with its true function

True value function is plotted by defining a function:

$$g(t, A, B) = AJ_2(t) + Bt$$

Next we assume that there exist some function which fits the noise data with general form $g(t, A, B) = AJ_2(t) + Bt$

Next we will find the (A,B) values by minimising the mean square error between the predicted values from given (A,B) and data column.

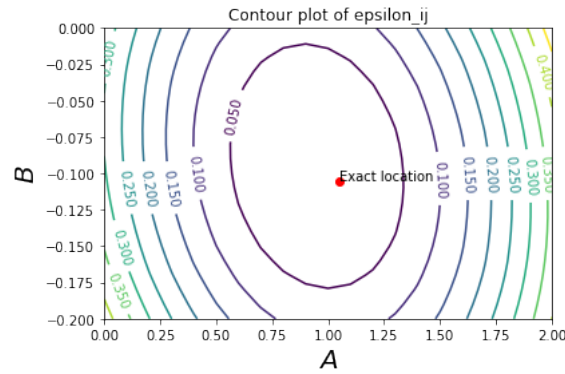Contour Plot of $MS\ error$ for w.r.t data column1 for range of (A,B):

Figure 3: contour plot for ϵ_{ij}

From the above plot we can clearly see that there exist a single minima.

Using the Python function lstsq from scipy.linalg to obtain the best estimate of A and B for different data columns:

The following plots show the error in A and B for different data columns:

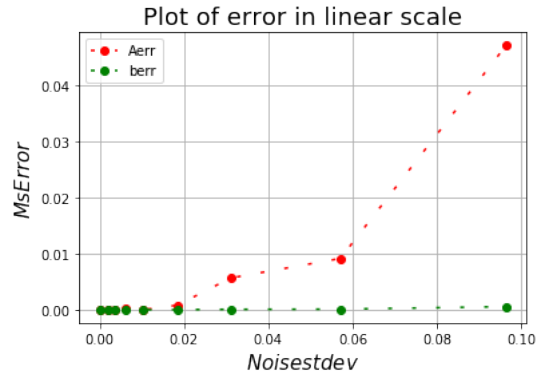In the first plot B error is appearing to be almost a constant.

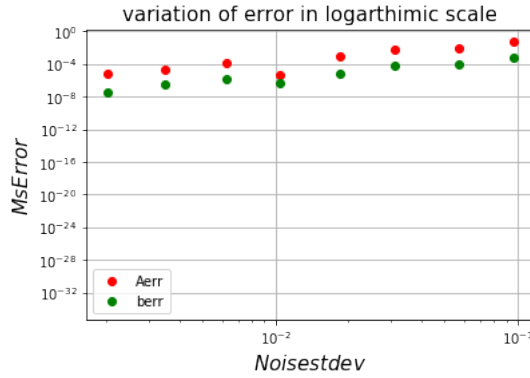Figure 4: A and B error in linear scale

Figure 5: A and B error in log scale

Conclusion: If we observe the mean square error in calcualation of values of A and B ,we observe a linear relation.It is quite apparent in case of A but not in case of B.