

Models vs. Data

Theorem 83: As $N_{\text{expt}} \rightarrow \infty$, the distribution of data, $\langle Y_{\text{data}} \rangle_{N_{\text{expts}}} \rightarrow \text{Normal} \rightarrow \text{Gaussian}$

1) Assume Central Limit Theorem (Theorem 83)

2) We assume we have the true model (always wrong)

a) We assume we have the true model parameters, or at least the best possible fit $\underline{\theta}$

3) We assume we know the uncertainties in data $\sigma_{\text{mean}}, \sigma(\langle Y_{\text{data}} \rangle)$

$$P(\underline{Y}_{\text{data}}) = \text{const} \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{exp}}} \exp \left(- \left(\frac{\langle Y_{i \text{ data}} \rangle - Y_{i \text{ model}}}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \right)$$

Since we have the probability density, need to integrate over some $\Delta \underline{Y} = \text{const} \exp(-\chi^2)$.

χ^2 collapses $P(\underline{Y})$ to 1D

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{exp}}} \left(\frac{Y_{i \text{ data}} - Y_{i \text{ model}}}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \quad \sigma_i = \text{S.D.} / \sqrt{N_{\text{expts}}}$$

S.D. is the standard deviation of N_{expts} at condition i .

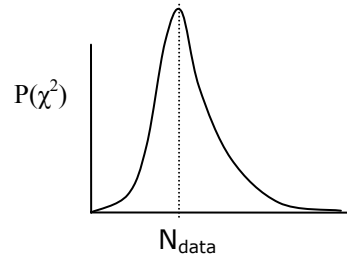


Figure 1. Chi-squared distribution.

Linear (in parameters) Models

$$\underline{Y}_{\text{model}} = \underline{M}(\underline{x}) \cdot \underline{\theta}$$

to find best fit $\underline{\theta} \quad \min_{\underline{\theta}} \chi^2(\underline{\theta})$

$\min || \underline{Y}_{\text{data}} - \underline{M} \cdot \underline{\theta} ||^2 \quad \text{such that } \underline{\theta} \in \{\text{possible}\}$

$$\text{where } (Y_{\text{data}})_i \equiv \frac{Y_i}{\sigma_i} \quad \sum_j \frac{M_{ij}}{\sigma_i} \theta_j = (\underline{M}\underline{\theta})_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \theta_j} = 0 = 2(\underline{Y} - \underline{M}\underline{\theta})^T M_j$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \left(\frac{Y_i - \sum_j M_{ij} \theta_j}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$$
$$0 = \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \theta_n} = \sum_i \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} 2 \left(Y_i - \sum_j M_{ij} \theta_j \right) (-M_{in})$$