

Uncertainty and Error Propagation

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Propague

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Propague (str#) := s# := strsplit (substr (str#, 5, strlen (str#) - 5), ",")
[ f# x# ans# ] := [ s# 1 s# [ 2..rows (s#) ] 0 ]
ξ# := str2num (x#)
for k# ∈ [ 1..length (x#) ]
    str2num (concat ("Clear(", x# k#, ")"))
    d# := str2num (concat ("diff(", f#, ",", x# k#, ")"))
    str2num (concat (x# k#, ":", num2str (ξ# k#)))
    if substr (str#, 1, 4) = "Err("
        ans# := ans# + |d# · str2num (concat (#Propague 1, x# k#))|
    else if substr (str#, 1, 4) = "Unc("
        ans# := ans# + d#2 · (str2num (concat (#Propague 2, x# k#)))2
    else
        error ("Not implemented.")
if substr (str#, 1, 4) = "Err("
    ans#
else
    √ans#
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ToDo: Round according correct figures.

Examples

#Propague := ["Δ" "s."]

Specifies the symbols for the error and the standard deviation

Propague ("Err(f,a,b,...)")

Returns $\Delta f = \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} \cdot \Delta a \right| + \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} \cdot \Delta b \right| + \dots$

Propague ("Unc(f,a,b,...)")

Returns $s_f = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial a} \right)^2 \cdot s_a^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial b} \right)^2 \cdot s_b^2 + \dots}$

Error Propagation

$[R_1 \ \Delta R_1] := [350 \ \Omega \ 5 \ \Omega]$

$[R_2 \ \Delta R_2] := [25 \ \text{k}\Omega \ 10 \ \Omega]$

$[I \ \Delta I] := [35 \ \text{mA} \ 1 \ \text{mA}]$

$V := \left| I \cdot \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \right|^{-1}$

$V = 12.0809 \ \text{V}$

Use line() for dealy the evaluation

$\Delta V := \text{Propague ("Err(V,R.1,R.2,I)")} = 0.5154 \ \text{V}$

$V \pm \Delta V = \begin{cases} 12.5963 \\ 11.5654 \end{cases} \ \text{V}$

Sum & Product Uncertainty

$[a \ s_a] := [3 \ \text{m} \ 2 \ \text{cm}]$

$[b \ s_b] := [5 \ \text{m} \ 2 \ \text{cm}]$

$L := | 2 \cdot (a + b) |$

$L = 16 \ \text{m}$

$s_L := \text{Propague ("Unc(L,a,b)")} = 5.6569 \ \text{cm}$

$L \pm s_L = \begin{cases} 16.0566 \\ 15.9434 \end{cases} \ \text{m}$

$S := | a \cdot b |$

$S = 15 \ \text{m}^2$

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$$s_s := Propague ("Unc (S, a, b) ") = 1166.1904 \text{ cm}^2 \qquad S \pm s_s = \begin{cases} 15.1166 \\ 14.8834 \end{cases} \text{ m}^2$$

Check

$$2 \cdot \sqrt{s_a^2 + s_b^2} = 5.6569 \text{ cm} \qquad S \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{s_a}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{s_b}{b}\right)^2} = 1166.1904 \text{ cm}^2$$

Power Uncertainty

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} x & s_x \end{array} \right] := \left[\begin{array}{cc} 4 \text{ m} & 2 \text{ cm} \end{array} \right]$$

$$f := \left| \frac{1}{x} \right|^2 \qquad f = 16 \text{ m}^2$$

$$s_f := Propague ("Unc (f, x) ") = 1600 \text{ cm}^2 \qquad f \pm s_f = \begin{cases} 16.16 \\ 15.84 \end{cases} \text{ m}^2$$

Notice that it is different to the product of x by x

$$y := x \qquad s_y := s_x \qquad h := |x \cdot y| \qquad h = 16 \text{ m}^2$$

$$s_h := Propague ("Unc (h, x, y) ") = 1131.3708 \text{ cm}^2$$

Uncertainty Example

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} a & s_a \end{array} \right] := \left[\begin{array}{cc} 3.02 & 0.01 \end{array} \right] \qquad \left[\begin{array}{cc} b & s_b \end{array} \right] := \left[\begin{array}{cc} 4.00 & 0.05 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} c & s_c \end{array} \right] := \left[\begin{array}{cc} -1.25 & 0.02 \end{array} \right] \qquad \left[\begin{array}{cc} \tau & s_\tau \end{array} \right] := \left[\begin{array}{cc} 0.80 & 0.04 \end{array} \right]$$

$$k := \left| (a + b) \cdot e^{c \cdot \tau} \right| \qquad k = 2.5825$$

$$s_k := Propague ("Unc (k, a, b, c, \tau) ") = 0.1369 \qquad k \pm s_k = \begin{cases} 2.7194 \\ 2.4456 \end{cases}$$

Check

$$v_1 := a + b \qquad s_1 := \sqrt{s_a^2 + s_b^2}$$

$$v_2 := c \cdot \tau \qquad s_2 := v_2 \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{s_c}{c}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{s_\tau}{\tau}\right)^2}$$

$$v_3 := e^{c \cdot \tau} \qquad s_3 := e^{v_2} \cdot s_2$$

$$v_4 := v_1 \cdot v_3 \qquad s_4 := v_4 \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{s_1}{v_1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{s_3}{v_3}\right)^2} = 0.1369$$