

Most Igor basics are demonstrated in Getting Started.

Remember the Igor Quick Reference page that summarizes a lot of the commands from Getting Started and has some snippets of code.

([http://cires.colorado.edu/jimenez-group/wiki/index.php/Igor\\_Quick\\_Reference](http://cires.colorado.edu/jimenez-group/wiki/index.php/Igor_Quick_Reference))

Igor has a lot of built-in functions; sometimes you just have to find the name of the function you need.

If you know a related command, use the Help and look for related functions under See Also.

How far have you gotten on HW1?

- A) Haven't started yet
- B) Some is done
- C) Most is done
- D) Virtually done, not turned in yet
- E) Done and turned in

Office hrs  
~ 1 hr after class

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Chem 1011  
Chem 132  
MW 11-12:30

How was Taylor Ch. 3 (propagation of error)?

- A) Totally new to me
- B) Reminder of something I was taught but never really used
- C) Review of something I haven't done recently
- D) Review of something I do all the time

Today's code example: Propagation of Error (simple case)

Our setup: Example from Taylor Sect. 3.6, pg. 61.

Efficiency of a motor,  $e = \frac{\text{work out}}{\text{energy in}} = \frac{mgh}{VIt}$

Given: fractional uncertainty in  $m, h, V, I, t$

Want: fractional uncertainty of  $e$

Work in pairs to outline a function that will calculate the fractional uncertainty in  $e$ .

- Write the equation needed for the calculation
- Decide what information you want the function to receive
- Decide what information you want the function to send back.
- Write "psuedocode" for what you want the function to do

$$\text{Efficiency of a motor, } e = \frac{\text{work out}}{\text{energy in}} = \frac{mgh}{VIt}$$

Given: fractional uncertainty in  $m, h, V, I, t$

$$\frac{\delta}{\text{value}} = \quad / \quad / \quad / \quad / \quad /$$

$$\text{egn for } \frac{\delta e}{e} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta m}{m}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta h}{h}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta V}{V}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta I}{I}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta t}{t}\right)^2}$$

could have  $\frac{\delta g}{g}$  is a constant  
or negligible

Share some pseudocode:

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wave with values



wave with uncertainties



function \_\_\_\_\_ ( Value Wave, Unc Wave )

$$\text{calc } e = \frac{mgh}{VI}$$

$$\text{calc } \frac{\delta e}{e} = \sqrt{\text{egn above}}$$

print e,  $\frac{\delta e}{e}$

end

Another approach?

CONSTANT  $G - m - s^2 = 9.8$   
etc.

function  $\text{---}(\underline{m}, \underline{\delta m}, \underline{h}, \underline{\delta h}, \text{---})$   
all variables  $\rightarrow$

$$e = \frac{mgh}{vIt}$$

$$\delta e = \sqrt{egh}$$

back = ???

end

Let's code one.

What limitations does our function have?

\* function didn't actually do what we were told to write

⇒ but it uses data we're more likely to have

\* not necessarily easy to enter the data

\* only handle 1 or 1 of 5 items

How can we generalize our function so that it's more flexible?

⇒ waves  
index meas wv

0	m
1	h
2	v
3	I
4	t

Igor counts from 0  
unc wv

0	dm
1	dh
2	dv
3	dI
4	dt

← unchwv[2]

Wave for avg, wave for unc

Or

One wave, paired elements:

0 = avg, 1 = unc

2 = avg, 3 = unc

m
dm
h
dh
⋮

$$\text{eqn} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dm}{m}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dh}{h}\right)^2 + \dots}$$

$$= \text{sqrt}\left(\left(\text{uncwv}[0]/\text{measwv}[0]\right)^2\right)$$

New pseudocode:

unc  $W_v$  / meas  $W_v$

Taylor problem 3.22: Student measures

$$I = 2.10 \pm 0.02 \text{ amps} \quad V = 1.02 \pm 0.01 \text{ volts}$$

- a) What is power with uncertainty?  $P = IV$
- b) What is the resistance with?  $R = V/I$

Which answer (power, resistance) has greater uncertainty?

- A) Power
- B) Resistance
- C) Both are the same