

# Magnitude Conversion user guide

**i** The program is used to establish empirical scaling relationships between different magnitude scales. different linear regression procedures (i.e. the general orthogonal regression, the ordinary least squares and the inverted least squares) are available for converting magnitudes from one type into another one. The logarithm of seismic energy or seismic moment can be used as input as well. At least 2 input parameters (e.g. magnitude, moment or energy columns) should be available in the input catalog.



**REFERENCES** [Document Repository](#)

**CATEGORY** Collective Properties of Seismicity

**KEYWORDS** Data conversion

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IS-EPOS. (2016). *Data Handling Applications* [Web applications].  
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## Step by Step

1. The input file is the seismic catalog that can be uploaded from 'Change Input' tab (shown on right side of Figure 1).  
The application can be performed only in datasets in which more than one magnitude scale (or, alternatively, 'Energy' or 'Seismic Moment' can be introduced as inputs as well) is assigned for the seismic events (e.g. ML and Mw).  
The parameters that the user has to set/choose are also shown in Figure 1:

## Magnitude Conversion <sup>i</sup>

ACTIONS

File

MagnitudeConversion

Description

The program is used to establish relationships between different magnitude scale

INPUTS

1/1 Catalog

Tetsing\_Platform/SONG\_TRANH\_catalog.mat

From Tree ▼

CHANGE FILE

Choose first vector to compare

Mw ▼

Choose second vector to compare

ML ▼

Regression method:

General Orthogonal Regression ▼

Error variance ratio

1.0

RUN

Status FINISHED

OUTPUTS

Intercept (a)	-1.076
Slope (b)	1.246
95% confidence interval for intercept	0.0961
95% confidence interval for slope	0.0409
Pearson correlation coefficient between vectors m1 and m2	0.9407
Root mean square error	0.134
Number of data pairs m1,m2	467

**Figure 1. Input and output of the application**

2. The following parameters the User needs to specify:

- *Choose first vector to compare* - The user may choose among the different magnitude scales available in the catalog.
- *Choose second vector to compare* - The user may choose among the different magnitude scales available in the catalog.
- *Regression Method* - Three different regression methods can be used - General Orthogonal Regression, Standard Least Squares and Inverted Least Squares.

- *Error Variance Ratio* - A float number should be assigned here (default is 1). Note that this option is only valid when General Orthogonal Regression method, is chosen.

3. The outputs that the application produces are:

- A report with the parameters (slope and intercept) of the regression process and some associated statistical parameters (Figure 1)
- Vectors of the first, second magnitude selected, together with the vector of the new (converted) magnitudes obtained by the application of the regression equation.
- A figure with one magnitude scale plotted versus the other one (scatter plot) and the linear regression curve (Figure 2). Zooming option is enabled for this Figure.

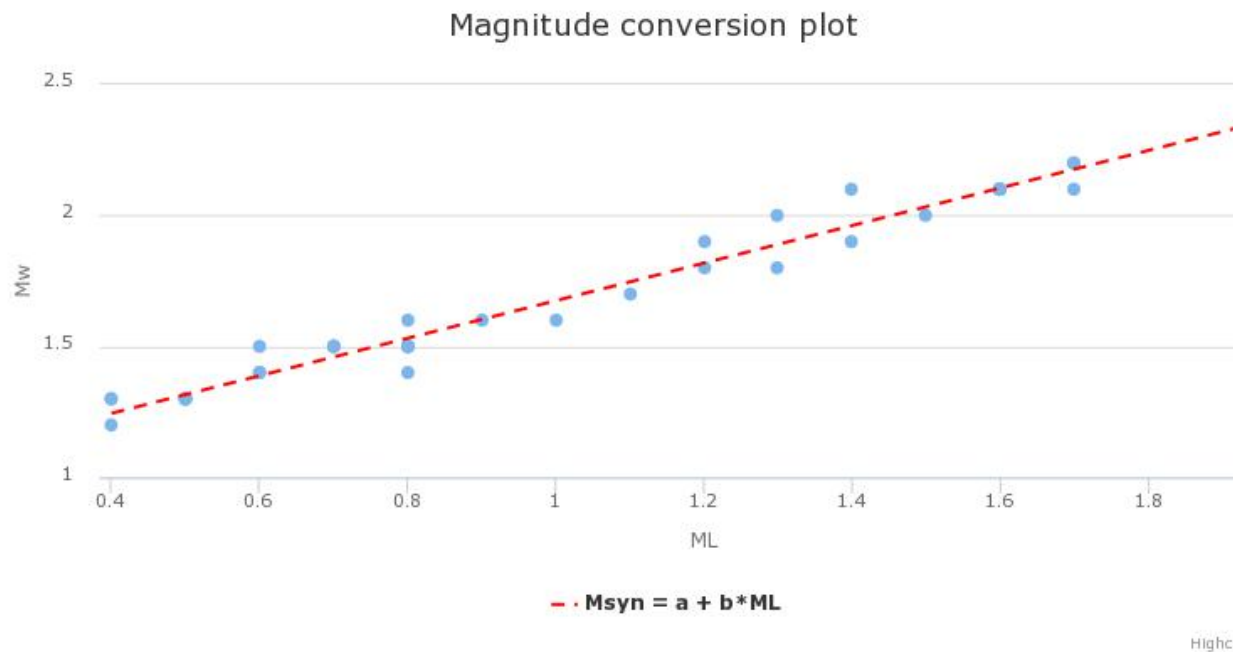


Figure 2. Output plot produced by the application

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