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## freeze

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### Synopsis

Prohibits model parameter(s) from varying.

### Syntax

```
sherpa> FREEZE <arg_1> [<arg_2> ...]
```

### Description

<arg> may be:

#### FREEZE Command Arguments

Argument	Description
<sherpa_modelname>.{<paramname>   <#>}	Freezes the specified model component parameter.
<modelname>.{<paramname>   <#>}	Freezes the specified model component parameter.
<sherpa_modelname>	Freezes all parameters of the specified model component.
<modelname>	Freezes all parameters of the specified model component.
<sherpa_model_stack> [# [ID]]	Freezes the parameters of all model components within the specified model stack (SOURCE, BACKGROUND, PILEUP, [B]NOISE, or KERNEL). # is a dataset number (default 1); see BACKGROUND for an explanation of ID.
<model_stack>	Freezes the parameters of all model components within the user-defined model stack.

The command THAW is used to allow model parameter values to vary.

In addition, model parameters may be frozen using the equivalent command

- sherpa> <modelname>.{<paramname>|<#>}.TYPE = FREEZE

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If model parameter prompting is enabled, the user may freeze a parameter by entering [`<value>:<min>:<max>`],-1 at the prompt; the -1 sets the parameter to be frozen.

Model parameters may also be frozen using the Sherpa/S-Lang module functions `set_frozen` and `set_par`.

### Example 1

Freeze a model parameter:

```
sherpa> PARAMPROMPT OFF
sherpa> GAUSS[modelb]
sherpa> FREEZE modelb.ampl
```

The last command freezes the parameter `ampl` of `modelb`.

### Example 2

Thaw a model parameter and freeze a model parameter:

```
sherpa> THAW modelb.3
sherpa> FREEZE modelb.3
```

The first command thaws the third parameter of `modelb`. The last command freezes the third parameter of `modelb`.

### Example 3

Thaw all model parameters and freeze two model parameters:

```
sherpa> THAW modelb
sherpa> FREEZE modelb.fwhm modelb.pos
```

First, all parameters of `modelb` are thawed. The last command then freezes the `fwhm` and `pos` parameters of `modelb`.

### Example 4

Freeze or thaw all source component parameters at once:

```
sherpa> PARAMPROMPT OFF
Model parameter prompting is off
sherpa> POW[modelc]
sherpa> GAUSS[modelf]
sherpa> SOURCE 2 = modelc + modelf
sherpa> FREEZE SOURCE 2
sherpa> SHOW SOURCE 2
Source 2:

(modelc + modelf)
powlaw1d[modelc] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
  1  gamma frozen      1      -10     10
  2   ref frozen 1-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
```

```

3  ampl frozen          1  1e-20 3.4028e+38
gauss1d[modelbf] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
1  fwhm frozen      10  1.1755e-38  3.4028e+38
2  pos  frozen      0-3.4028e+38  3.4028e+38
3  ampl frozen      1-3.4028e+38  3.4028e+38
sherpa> THAW SOURCE 2
sherpa> SHOW SOURCE 2
(modelc + modelbf)
powlaw1d[modelc] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
1  gamma thawed      1      -10      10
2  ref  frozen      1-3.4028e+38  3.4028e+38
3  ampl thawed      1      1e-20  3.4028e+38
gauss1d[modelbf] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
1  fwhm thawed      10  1.1755e-38  3.4028e+38
2  pos  thawed      0-3.4028e+38  3.4028e+38
3  ampl thawed      1-3.4028e+38  3.4028e+38

```

This example illustrates the use of FREEZE SOURCE and THAW SOURCE to freeze and thaw all source component parameters at once, respectively. Note that thawing of some model parameters (e.g., POWLAW1D.ref) is not permitted.

## Example 5

Freeze a model parameter:

```
sherpa> modelb.ampl.TYPE = FREEZE
```

This command freezes the parameter `ampl` of `modelb`. The following commands are each equivalent:

```

sherpa> modelb.3.TYPE = FREEZE
sherpa> FREEZE modelb.ampl
sherpa> FREEZE modelb.3

```

## Example 6

Freeze model parameters:

```

sherpa> ERASE ALL
sherpa> PARAMPROMPT ON
Model parameter prompting is on
sherpa> GAUSS[modelb]
modelb.fwhm parameter value [10] 2,-1
modelb.pos parameter value [0] ,-1
modelb.ampl parameter value [1]
sherpa> SHOW modelb
gauss1d[modelb]
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
1  fwhm frozen      2  1.1755e-38  3.4028e+38
2  pos  frozen      0-3.4028e+38  3.4028e+38
3  ampl thawed      1-3.4028e+38  3.4028e+38

```

In this example, parameters are frozen by entering <value>, -1 at the model parameter value prompt. Note that , -1 at the model parameter value prompt accepts the given initial parameter value and freezes that parameter.

## Example 7

Freeze all model parameters at once; thaw all source parameters at once:

```

sherpa> PARAMPROMPT OFF
Model parameter prompting is off
sherpa> DATA data/example.pha
sherpa> GAUSS[modelc]
sherpa> SOURCE = modelb + modelc
sherpa> FREEZE modelc
sherpa> SHOW SOURCE
(modelb + modelc)
gauss1d[modelb] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
  1  fwhm frozen      2 1.1755e-38 3.4028e+38
  2   pos frozen      0-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
  3  ampl thawed      1-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
gauss1d[modelc] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
  1  fwhm frozen      0.7113      0.0071      71.1283
  2   pos frozen      0.9442      0.0276      14.5494
  3  ampl frozen      0.0001 1.0564e-06      0.0106
sherpa> THAW SOURCE
sherpa> SHOW SOURCE
(modelb + modelc)
gauss1d[modelb] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
  1  fwhm thawed      2 1.1755e-38 3.4028e+38
  2   pos thawed      0-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
  3  ampl thawed      1-3.4028e+38 3.4028e+38
gauss1d[modelc] (integrate: on)
  Param  Type      Value      Min      Max      Units
  -----
  1  fwhm thawed      0.7113      0.0071      71.1283
  2   pos thawed      0.9442      0.0276      14.5494
  3  ampl thawed      0.0001 1.0564e-06      0.0106

```

Note that the command FREEZE modelc freezes all parameters of the source model component modelc, while THAW SOURCE thaws all parameters of both source model components.

## Bugs

See the [Sherpa bug pages](#) online for an up-to-date listing of known bugs.

## See Also

*sherpa*

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