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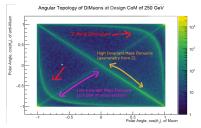
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Background: What do I do?

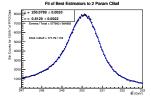
HEP Research

- Future colliders: ILC, FCC-ee, ReLiC
- Monte Carlo Generation of Events, Detector Response
- Perfecting energy, momentum precision
- Energy Recovery Linacs (ERLs)

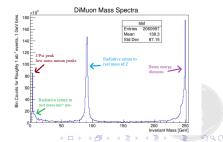
Dimuon Angular Spectra :



Energy Calibration:



Using the DiMuon Mass Spectral:



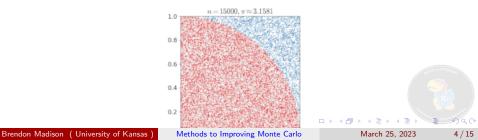
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Current Talk – Why should you care about this?

- 1.) Understanding Monte Carlo
- 2.) Understanding how to Monte Carlo FAST
- 3.) Understanding how to Math

Observations:

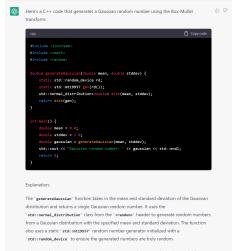
- Time for breakthroughs in physics is longer
- Physics is expensive, impact on environment
- Understanding from first principles is hard
- To quote a KU CS Professor recalling a talk with a member of the White House:
- "Machine learning is not a solution. It is successive approximations designed to fool (less intelligent) people that it is a solution."
- What to do?
- Solution: Fast, precise, computations with quick design turn around
- Monte Carlo can be this!



Current Talk - Funny view of the "future"

Just get ChatGPT to write your Monte Carlo...

write a program in c++ that can generate a gaussian random number



The 'main' function simply calls 'generateGaussian' with a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1, and prints the generated Gaussian random number to the console.

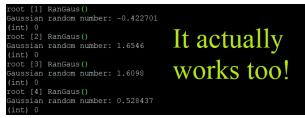
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Current Talk - Funny view of the "future"

Then compile and run the code using ROOT on KU HPC...



• But this method isn't the best for reasons that will be shown later!

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Current Talk – What is Monte Carlo

- Using randomness, random variables, to solve mathematical or statistical or numerical problems.
- No "one size fits all" approach. **NOTABLE USES:**
- Integration of otherwise unintegrable (difficult) functions
- Optimization (fitting) of large parameter space (difficult) problems
 MCMC fitting
- Convolution of functions
- Having data and model driven simulations
 - -Can be semi-analytical or entirely empirical

Gotta go fast p1 – Precision

- Speed and precision are coupled in computation (MC)
- Ex: Time to loop using different variables:
- Integer (16 bit) = 1 N
- Float (32 bit) = 1.2 N
- Double (64 bit) = 2.3 N
- Long (128 bit) = 5.6 N
- Conclusion: Understand your precision needs.
- Find ways to do your large loops or sampling using integers.

Туре	Sign	Exponent	Significand field	Total bits	Exponent bias	Bits precision	Number of decimal digits
Half (IEEE 754-2008)	1	5	10	16	15	11	~3.3
Single	1	8	23	32	127	24	~7.2
Double	1	11	52	64	1023	53	~15.9
x86 extended precision	1	15	64	80	16383	64	~19.2
Quad	1	15	112	128	16383	113	~34.0

• Ex.

Your best measured constant needed is Z Boson mass (known to 6 digits) ... Can get away with Float(Single) precision as it is good to 7.2 digits.

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Gotta go fast p2 – Sorting

• Suppose you have the following data (made concise for presentation):

Example Data							
Energy	Px	Ру	Pz	Mass	Charge		
100.4	0.00	0.01	100.4	m_e	1.0		
100.1	0.05	0.02	100.1	m_e	1.0		
100.3	0.01	0.02	100.3	m_e	1.0		
100.2	0.02	0.00	100.2	m_e	1.0		

- You want to randomly sample these as rows...
- So you choose the "Energy" column and randomly choose one
- WHY IS THIS SLOW (BAD)?

Gotta go fast p2 – Sorting

• Remove repeated columns, create an index (SORT) following an ORDERED column

Example Data							
Energy	Px	Рy	Pz	Index			
100.4	0.00	0.01	100.4	4			
100.1	0.05	0.02	100.1	1			
100.3	0.01	0.02	100.3	3			
100.2	0.02	0.00	100.2	2			

- Generate a random permutation of [1...4] instead of asking for one of [100.4,100.1,100.3,100.2]
- This change may seem minor to yourself BUT Integer permutation faster than random choice Float/Double

Gotta go fast p3 – Fitted and Sorted Sampling

- What if you have some weighting for sampling? Then how to proceed?
- Two questions to ask:

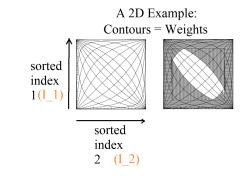
-Do you know the function for the weighting that depends on one of the variables e.g. $F_w(E)$?

-If no can you fit a weighting function across the entire range?

- If yes to the first question then use the weighting function (F_w) that you already know.
- If no and then yes then fit F_{w} across your data range.
- If no to both then try to fit a weighting function in various sub-ranges of your data. Then you will have $F_{w,1}, F_{w,2}$... for all the sub-ranges.
- This method doesn't help if you go to $F_{w,N}$ for N data points.

Gotta go fast p3 – Fitted and Sorted Sampling

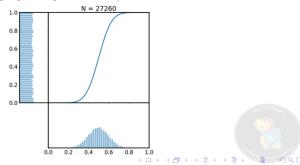
Dynamically cuts sampling indices, weights, using the fit and sorting



- Have $F_w(I_1, I_2)$; randomly choose a F_w range thus reduce range on I_1, I_2 to only randomly sample the desired sub-range.
- Normalize weights in range too so computer does less operations before successful pass in sub-range.
- Ex. MC with 100k database generating 1000 events using Fitted Sorting reduced execution from 16:30 min to 4:05 min.

Gotta go fast p4 – Analytic Derivation of Random Variates

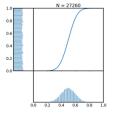
- Earlier ChatGPT used Box-Muller to get Gaussian Random Variate
- This is disadvantageous for two reasons:
 - 1.) It is slow
 - 2.) It is a numerical approximation
- HOW TO GO FASTER? -TIME TO USE MATH
- Use INVERSE TRANSFORM SAMPLING



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Gotta go fast p4 – Analytic Derivation of Random Variates

- Inverse Transform Sampling , How to Math
- Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) of distribution = F(x)
- Set F(x) equal to uniform random variate R_U
- Solve for x
- Ex. Gaussian $F_g(x) = R_U = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right) \right]$ $2R_U - 1 = \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right)$ $\operatorname{erf}^{-1} (2R_U - 1) = \frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}$ $x = \sqrt{2}\sigma [\operatorname{erf}^{-1} (2R_U - 1)] + \mu$



Test this!

cotc [1] Gaustime()
Time to generate 1M Gaussian Variates: 0.278119 ROOT, Inverse Sampling Method
(int) 0
cotc [2] .x RanGaus.C
. .67974e490
Time for 1M Gaussian Variates: 0.466704
ChatGPT method is ~2x time
(int) 0

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Finishing this off – Do other distributions

- You can do this with tons of distributions!
- Eight examples in https://github.com/BrendonMadison/InverseSamplingExamples
- Can even make your own distributions (random variates)
- For example Skewed Arc Sine (useful in parity violating particle events) like dimuon production!
- PDF : $P(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} [x(1-x)]^{f(A_{LR})}$
- Where f(A_{LR}) is a function dependent on the Left-Right asymmetry of the events
- Example output:

