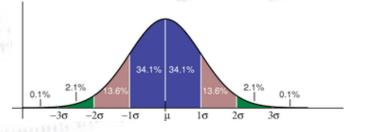
Applied Statistics ProblemSet Solution and Discussion



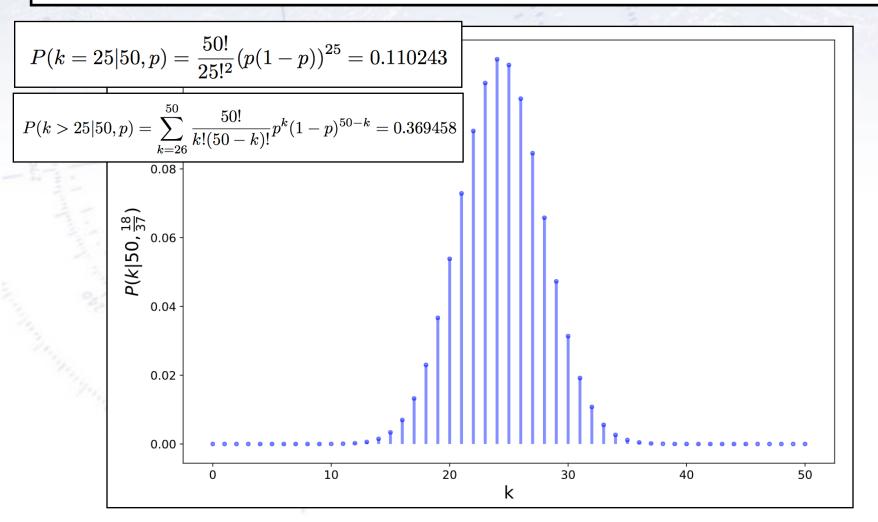
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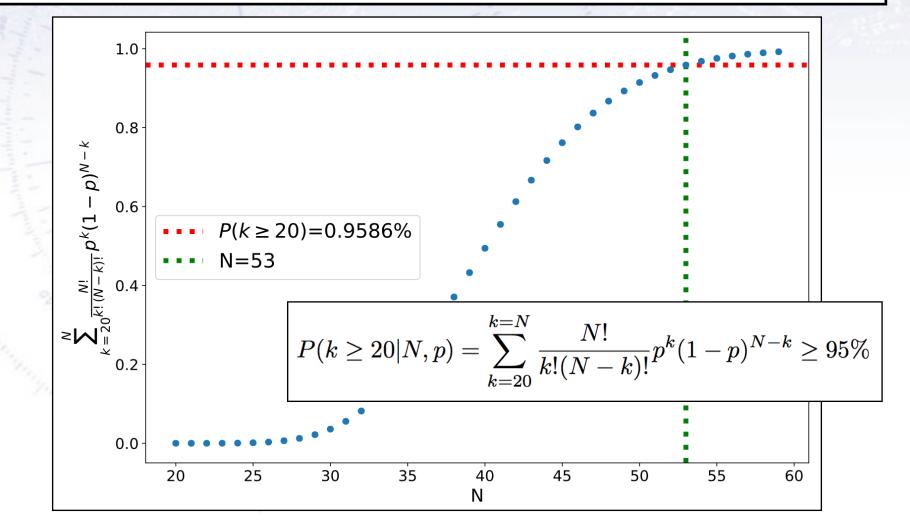
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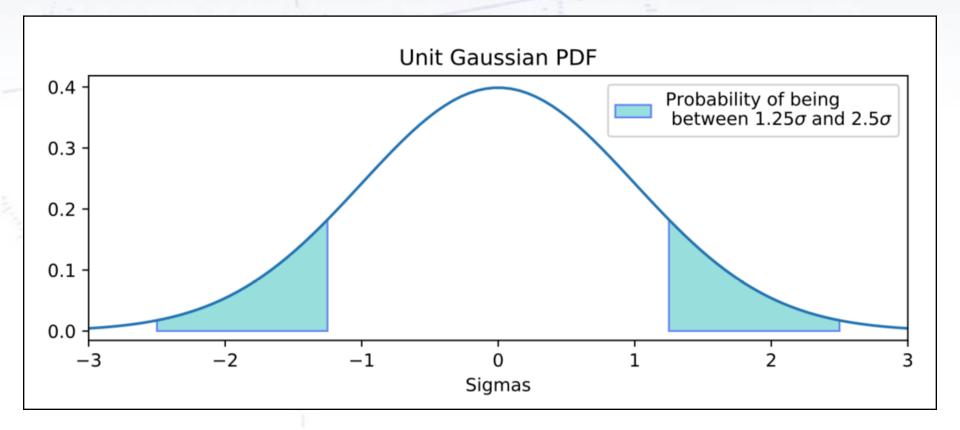
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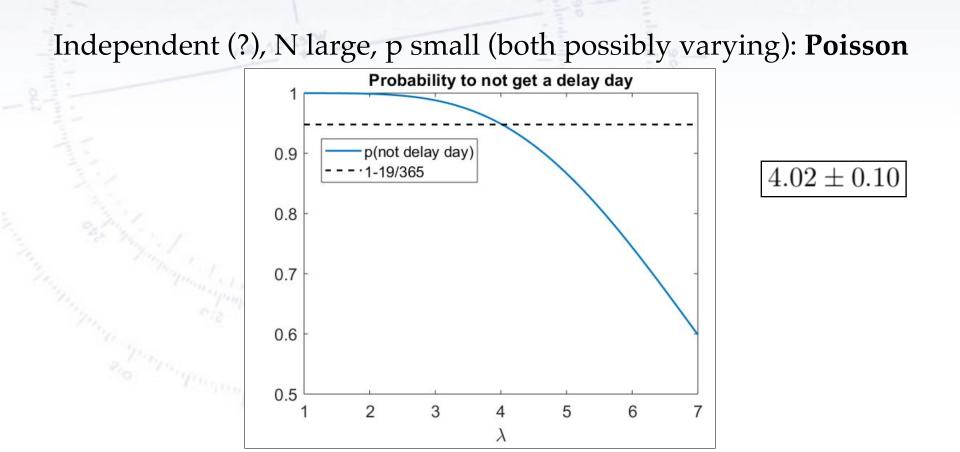




- **1.3** (6 points) The number of S-train delays is counted daily. Assume in the following, that delays are uncorrelated, and that the number of departures is the same every day.
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Independent (?), N large, p small (both possibly varying): Poisson

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Typical mistakes

Problem 1.1:

- Not including 26 in the second problem

- Rounding N to 50, 51, 52, 55 etc

Problem 1.2:

- One-sided gaussian integral

- Misinterpretation of the question, e.g. giving P(x<2.5) and P(x<1.25) without subtracting them.

Problem 1.3:

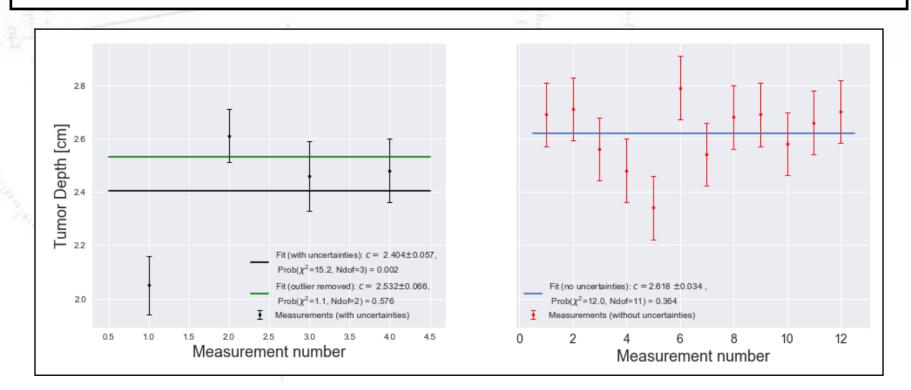
- Distribution identified as binomial or gaussian, with or without explanation
- Distribution identified as poissonian, but with missing or wrong explanation
- Forgetting to include 8 in calculation

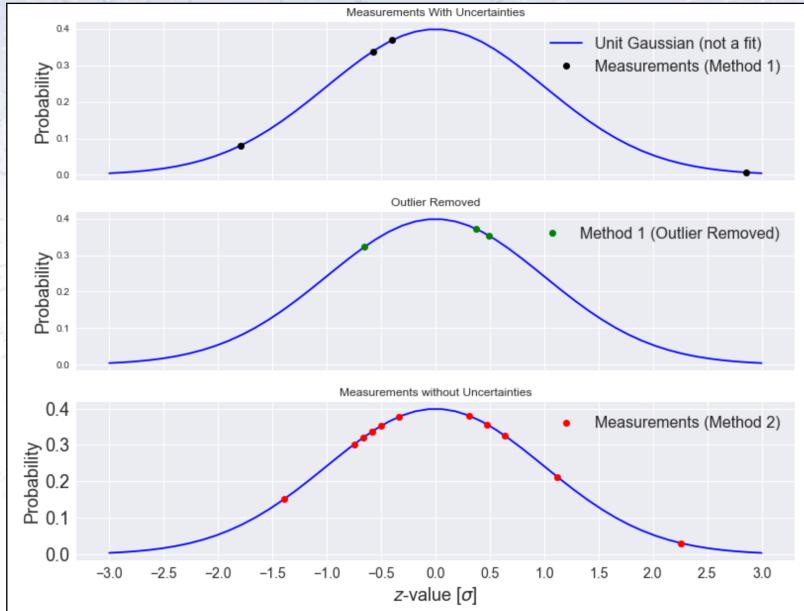
- Fixing the result as lambda=4+/-2 days, using the squared root of lambda as uncertainty on mean.

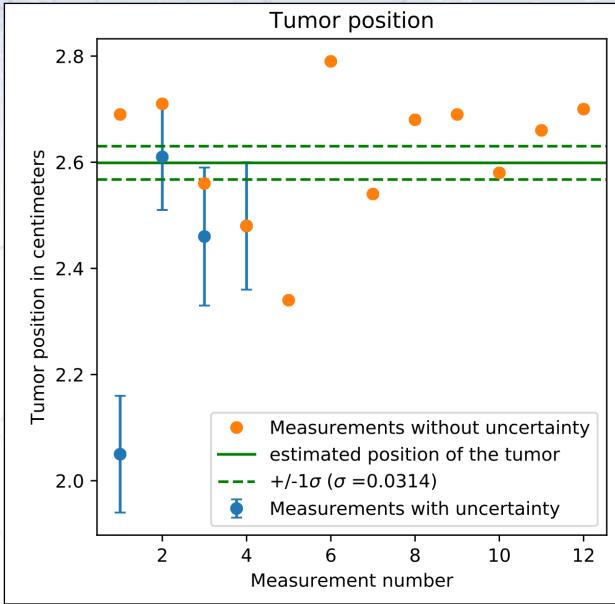
2.1 (13 points) A measurement of a tumor depth (in cm) was done using two methods. The first gave 4 measurements with uncertainty while the second gave 12 without, as shown in the table.

With unc.	2.05 ± 0.11			2.61 ± 0.10			2.46 ± 0.13			2.48 ± 0.12			
Without unc.	2.69	2.71	2.56	2.48	2.34	2.79	2.54	2.68	2.69	2.58	2.66	2.70	

- Do the measurements with uncertainty agree with each other? Do those without?
- Which of the two methods provide the most accurate positioning?
- What is your best estimate of the tumors position? And with what uncertainty?







Some rejected points among those without uncertainties!

We also want to look at the measurements without uncertainty. Here we find the mean and standard deviation of the measurements to be: $\mu = 2.6183 \pm 0.0357$, std = 0.1236. Again we look to see how far the measurements are from the mean. This time we do it with a one sample test, if z is more than 3σ away, we reject the measurement:

Measurement $\#$	z-value	
Measurement 1	-2.01σ	\Rightarrow accept
Measurement 2	-2.57σ	\Rightarrow accept
Measurement 3	1.64σ	\Rightarrow accept
Measurement 4	3.88σ	\Rightarrow reject
Measurement 5	7.80σ	\Rightarrow reject
Measurement 6	-4.81σ	\Rightarrow reject
Measurement 7	2.20σ	\Rightarrow accept
Measurement 8	-1.73σ	\Rightarrow accept
Measurement 9	-2.01σ	\Rightarrow accept
Measurement 10	1.07σ	\Rightarrow accept
Measurement 11	-1.17σ	\Rightarrow accept
Measurement 12	-2.29σ	\Rightarrow accept

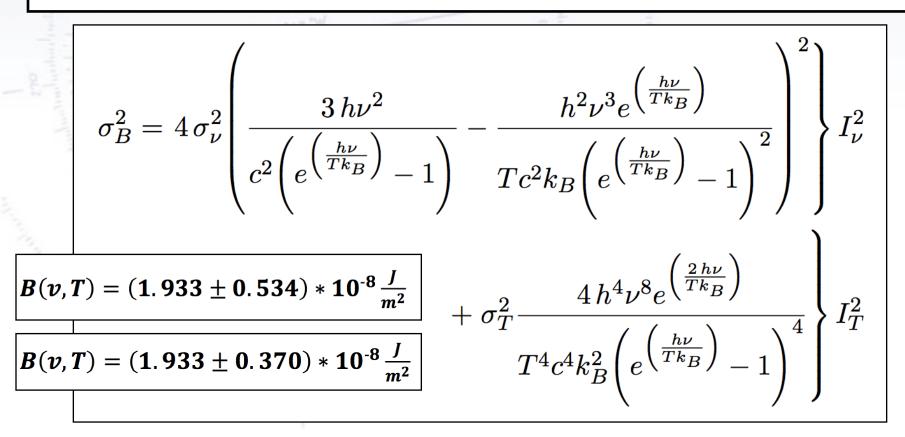
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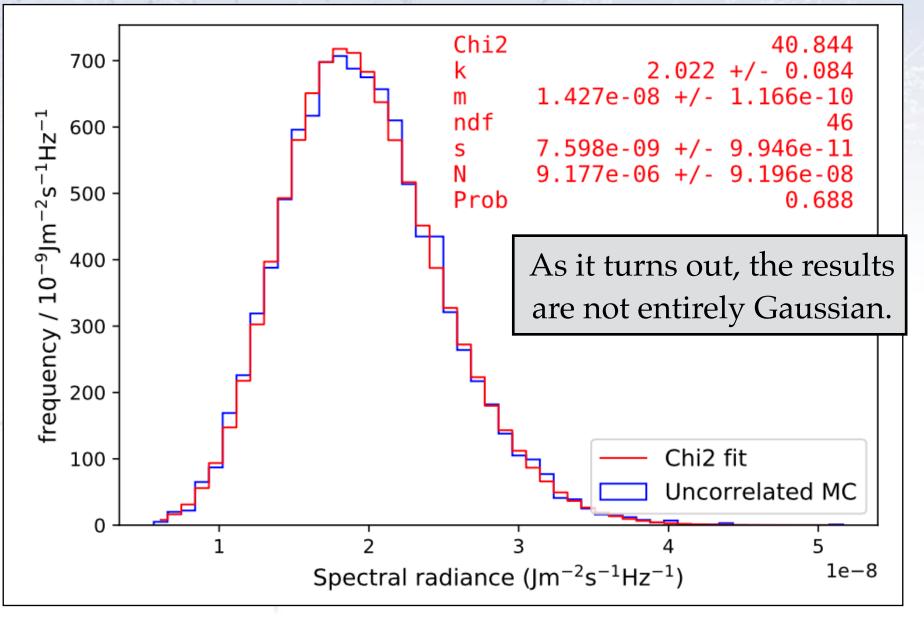
Problem 2.1:

- Wrong uncertainty on dataset2: Forgetting to divide rms by squared(N).
- For measurements without uncertainties, using error on mean for distance and rejection.
- Noting that problem is "low statistics" in case with uncertainties!
- Wrong uncertainty on weighted mean and no chi2 test for weighted mean
- Not excluding first point of dataset1, either because chi2 test missing or because they are "not a fan" of this approach
- Forgetting to discuss precision
- Not combining the two datasets, after excluding the first point.
- Combining in weighted average, but forgetting to chi2 test
- Combining without excluding first datapoint, even if the chi2 test had failed
- Not giving a final, unique estimation of the depth

$$x = (2.60 \pm 0.03)$$
 cm; $\chi^2 = 2.43; p = 48.8\%$

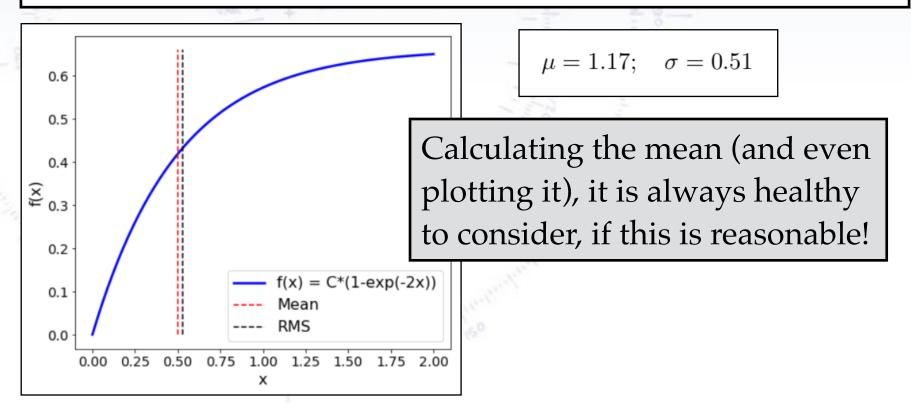
- **2.2** (9 points) The spectral radiance *B* of a body is given by Planck's Law: $B(\nu, T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{k_{\rm B}T}} 1}$ where ν is the frequency and *T* is the absolute temperature, while $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} Js, c = 299.7 \times 10^6 m/s$, and $k_B = 1.381 \times 10^{-23} J/K$ are constants of nature.
 - Given values of $\nu = (0.566 \pm 0.025) \times 10^{15}$ Hz and $T = (5.50 \pm 0.29) \times 10^3$ K (uncorrelated), what is the expected spectral radiance, B?
 - How does the uncertainty change, if there is a correlation of $\rho(\nu, T) = 0.87$?



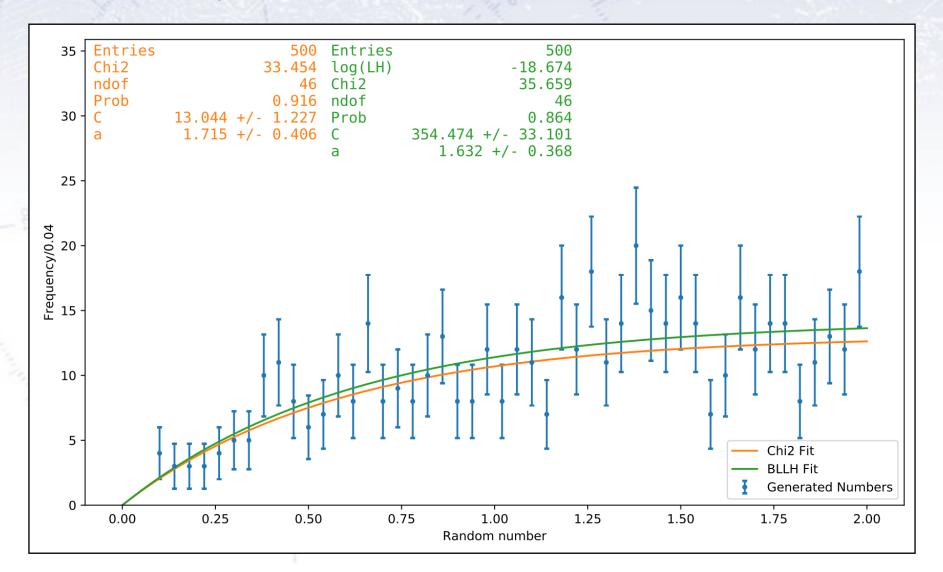


3.1 (15 points) Let f(x) be a PDF defined as $f(x) = C(1 - e^{-ax})$ for $x \in [0, 2]$ and a = 2.

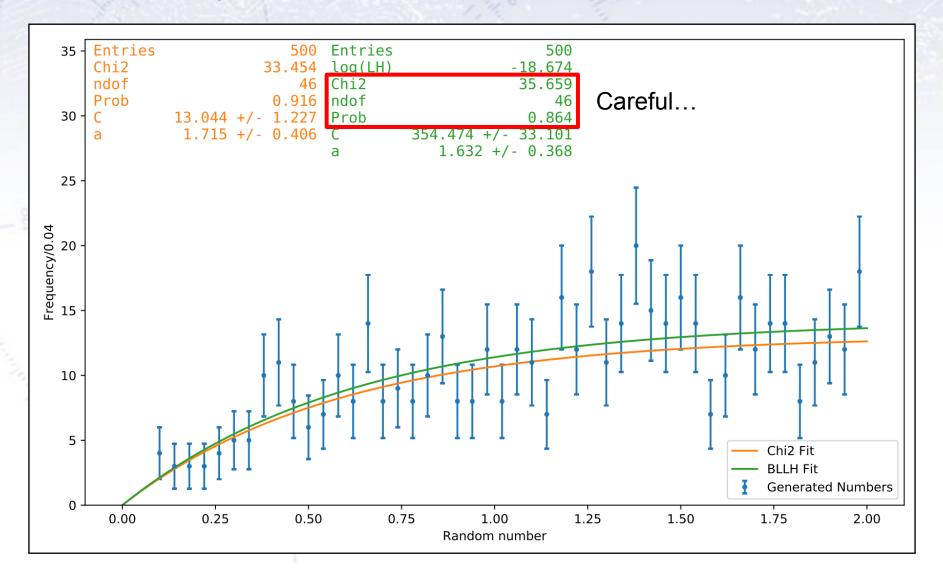
- What is the mean and RMS of f(x)? Also, what is the value of C?
- What method(s) can be used to produce random numbers according to f(x)? Why?
- Produce 500 random numbers distributed according to f(x) and plot these.
- Fit the numbers you produced above leaving a as a floating parameter.
- Let u be a sum of 5 random values from f(x). Produce 1000 values of u and test if they are consistent with a Gaussian distribution?

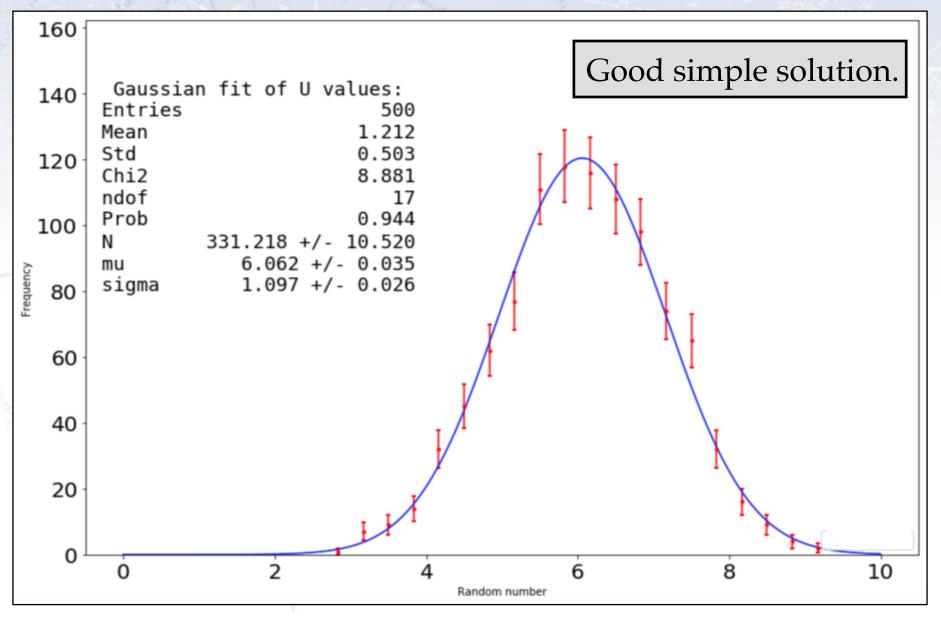


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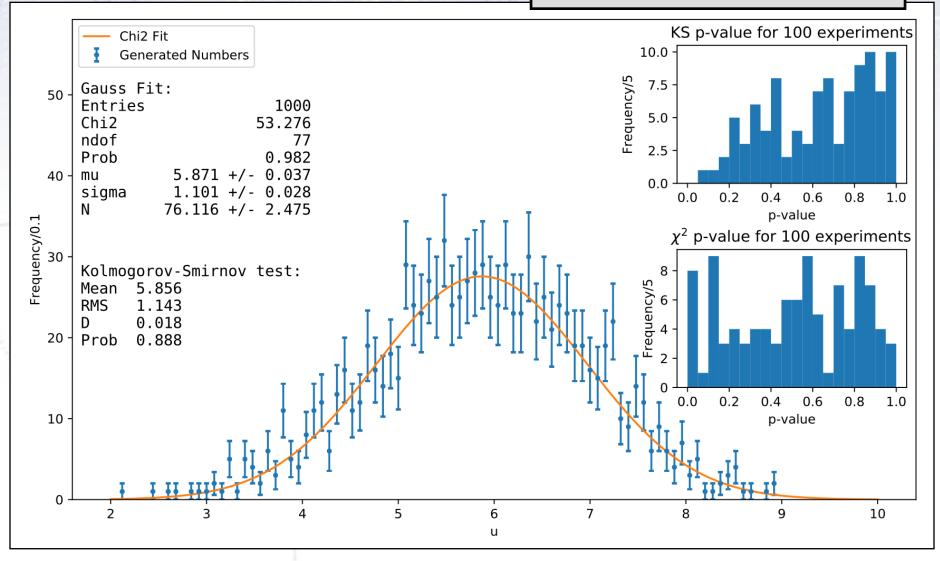


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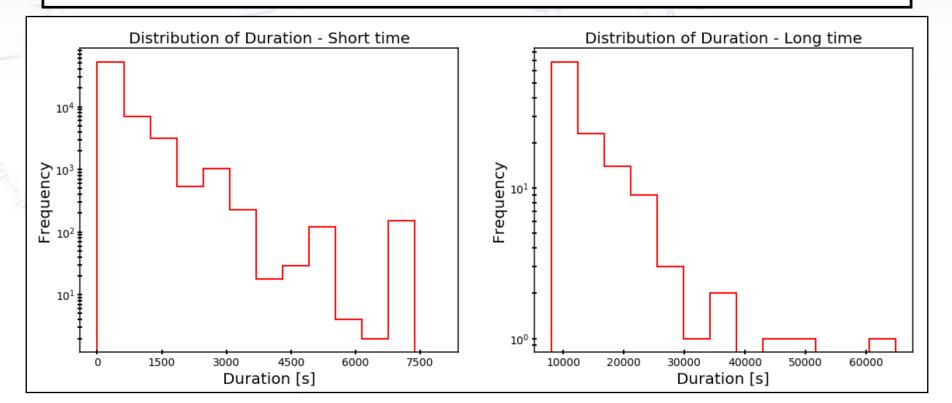


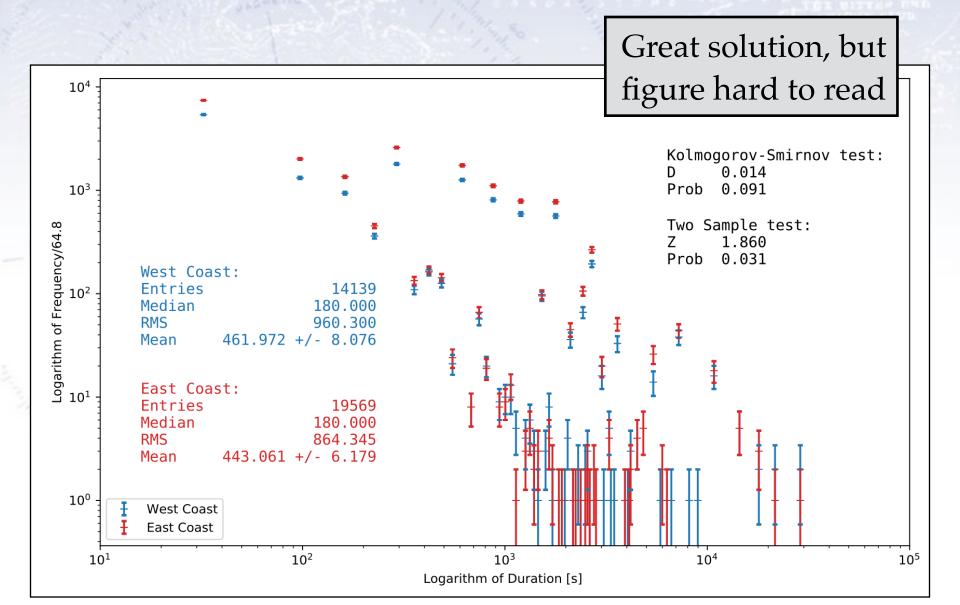


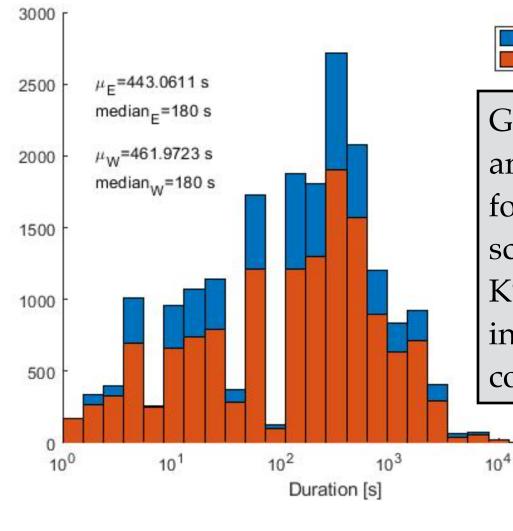
Great advanced solution.



- 4.1 (15 points) The National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) has since 1974 catalogued reported UFO sightings. A subset of the data with 64719 entries containing date, time, place, shape, and duration of observation can be found at www.nbi.dk/~petersen/data_UfoSightings.txt.
 - Plot the distribution of duration of observation, and calculate both mean and median.
 - Do these durations follow the same distribution on the East and West coast?
 - What is the correlation between day in the year and time of the day of observation?
 - Considering only the West Coast, is the distribution of number of observations uniform over the seven week days? How about when considering only Monday to Thursday?





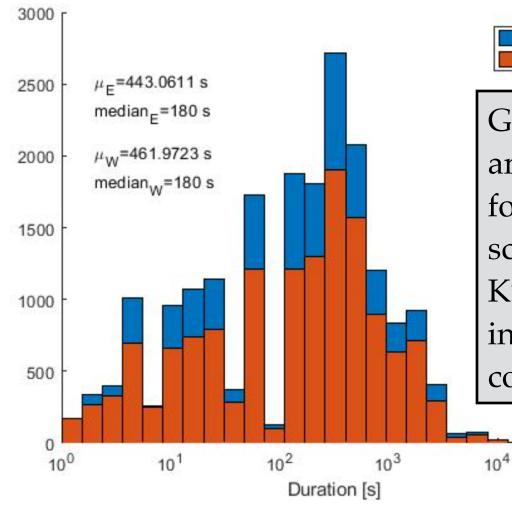




Good figure, and there is ample statistics in each bin for a ChiSquare test (after scaling one histogram). KS-test also OK, though data in principle needs to be continuous.

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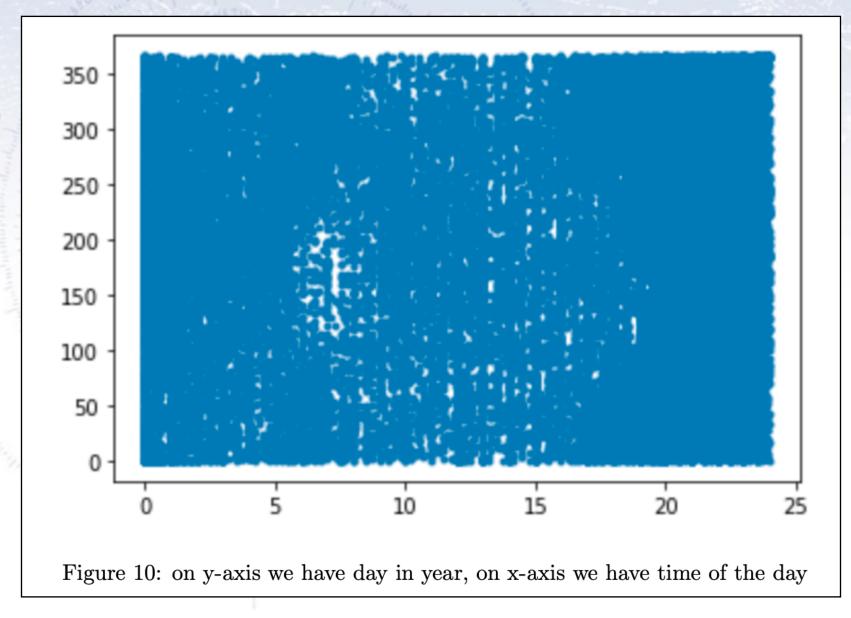
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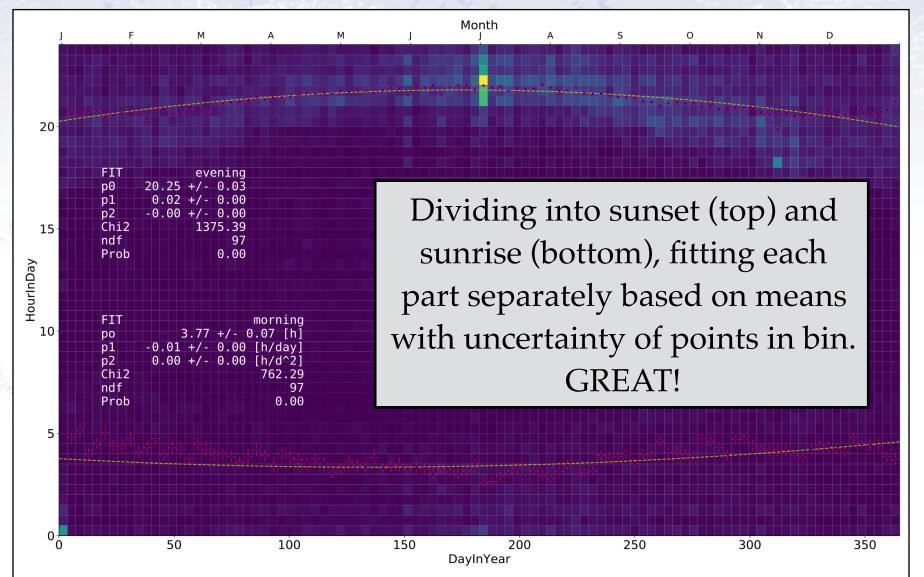
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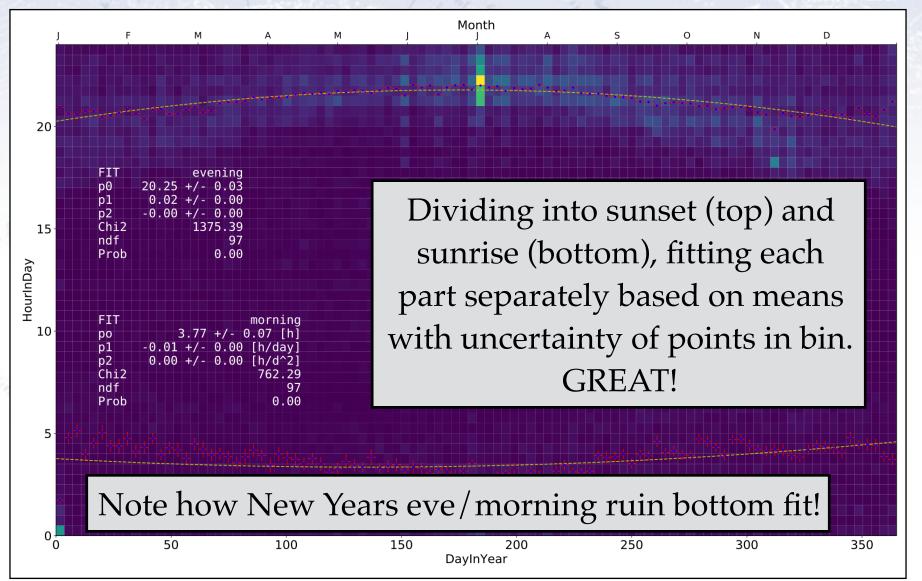
Useful plot?



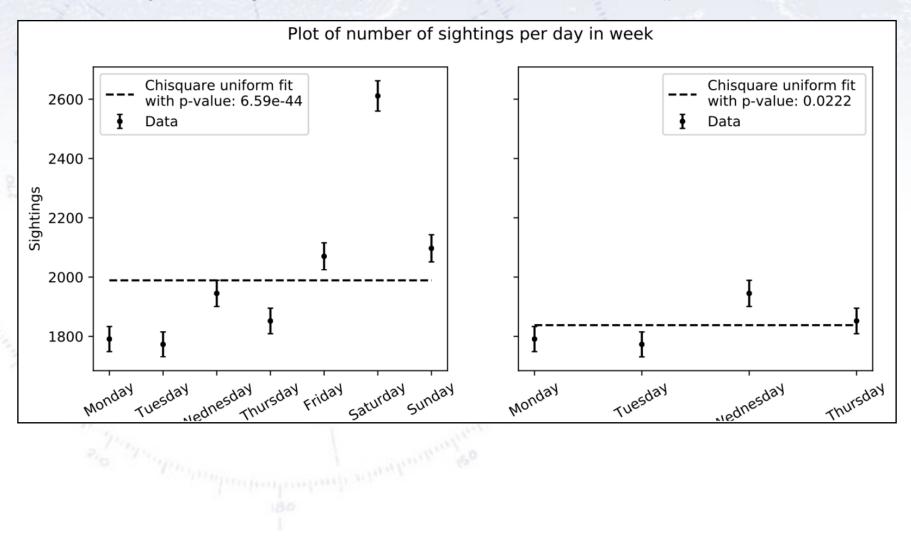
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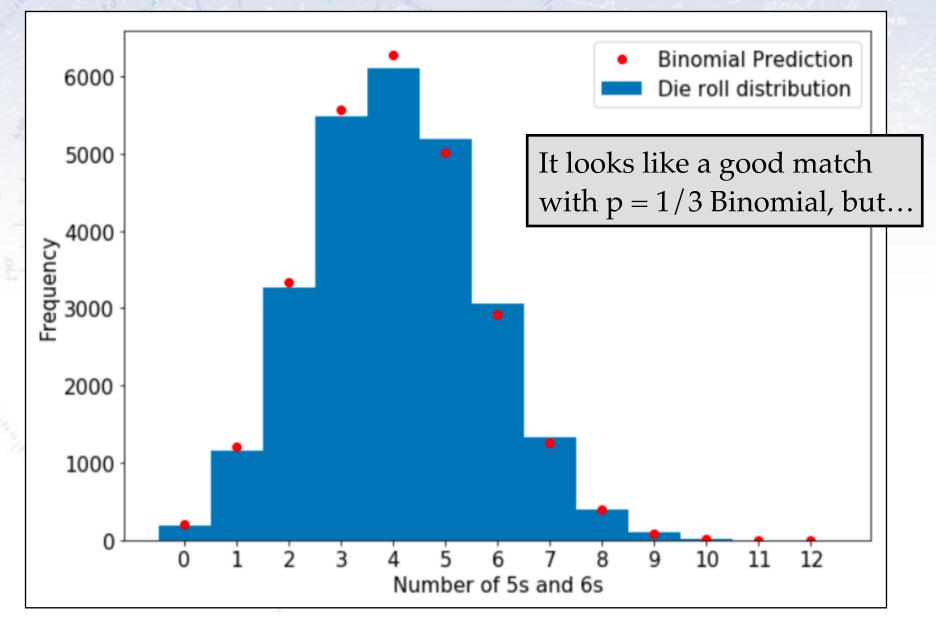
The weekly distribution is clearly not flat. Considering Monday-Thursday, it is on the verge of being it. A simple Chi2 fit is the solution... p-value = 0.022

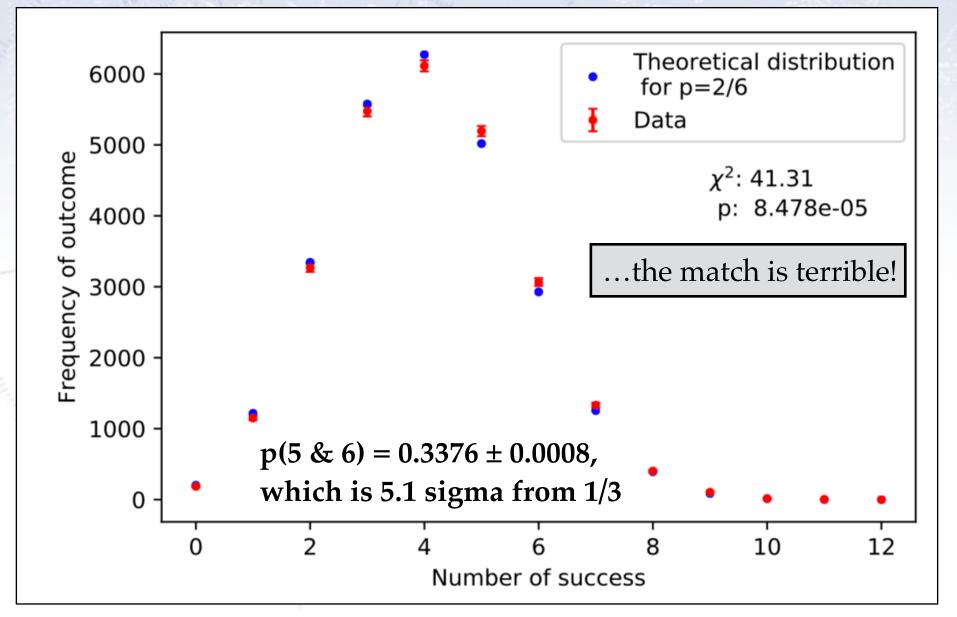


Typical problems

Problem 4.1:

- 1. <u>Not enough error bars on fitted data</u>. Really tough to judge ChiSquare without the whole picture!
- 2. Some very advanced (although not necessarily fruitful) fitting to the 2d histograms nice!
- 3. Lots of weird p-values
- 4. Lots of folks made one draw from a uniform distribution and then argued with a single Pearson ChiSquare for the constancy of the observations without commentary on the method. Very few did the fit for a constant value.
- 5. Uninformative plots
- 6. Some folks accepted hypothesis outright, instead of "rejecting the null" didn't penalise this.
- 7. Not enough plots to argue from, in general.
- 8. If they plotted the 2d histogram (or even scatterplot), then they usually got the pcorr ok.





4.2 (13 points) To test the fairness of dice, you roll 12 dices and count the number 5s and 6s (N_{56}) . Repeating this many times yielded the following result:

Number of 5s & 6s				3	4	5	6	7	Ŭ	9	-0		
Observed frequency	185	$11\overline{49}$	$32\overline{65}$	5475	6114	5194	$30\overline{67}$	$13\overline{31}$	403	105	14	4	0

- What distribution should the number of 5s and 6s follow?
- Compare the data with the expected distribution. Does this hypothesis match the data well?
- Fit the data and test if alternative hypotheses match the data better. Also, determine the probability for a 5 or a 6, and decide if the dice are consistent with being fair.

Subpart 1

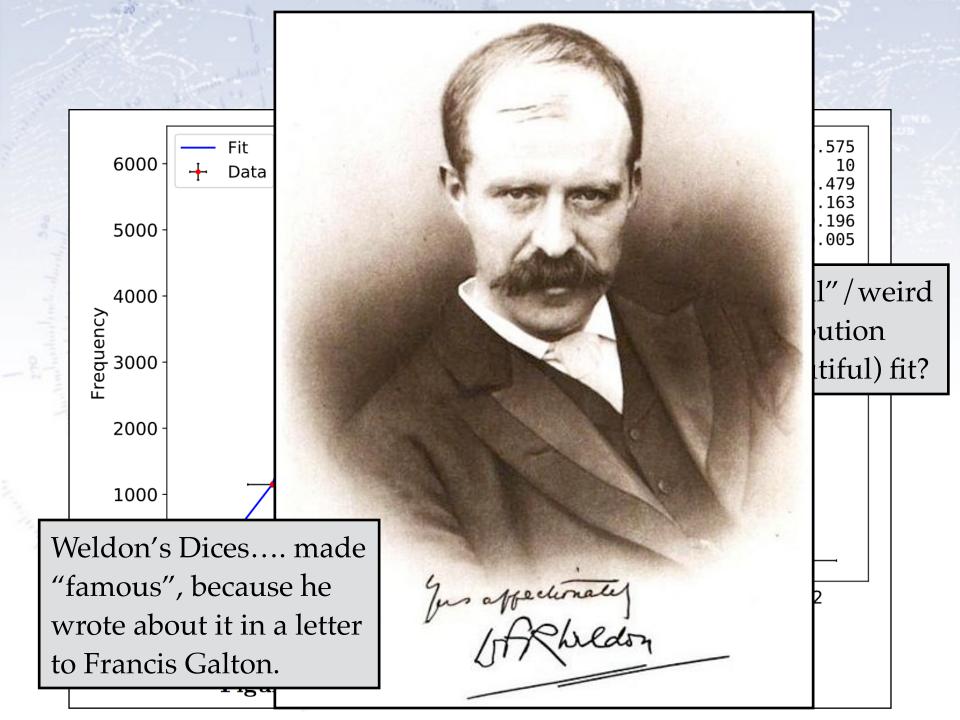
The chances of landing a 5 or a 6 on a die should be $p = \frac{2}{6}$. As we can assume they are independent, and we have 12 trials, the should be binomially distributed with size parameter N = 12 and probability parameter $p = \frac{2}{6}$.

Subpart 2

As we knew the uncertainties on the counts, and the expected values $f(k) = N \cdot Binomial(k, 12, 2/6)$, where N is the total number of trails, we could just do a simple χ^2 test, which returned a probability of 0.036%, leting us reject that the data follows this pattern.

Subpart 3

Here, we did a simple fit, where we allowed adjustment of the probability, as seen on figure 14. It found the probability to be 0.337626 ± 0.000845 , with a fit probability of 36.88%. Notice that the resulting probability is many sigmas away from 0.3333333..., which leads us to conclude that the dice are not completely fair, with a -slightly-higher chance of a 5 or a 6.



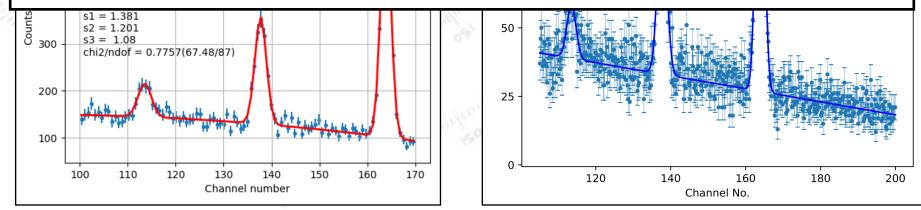
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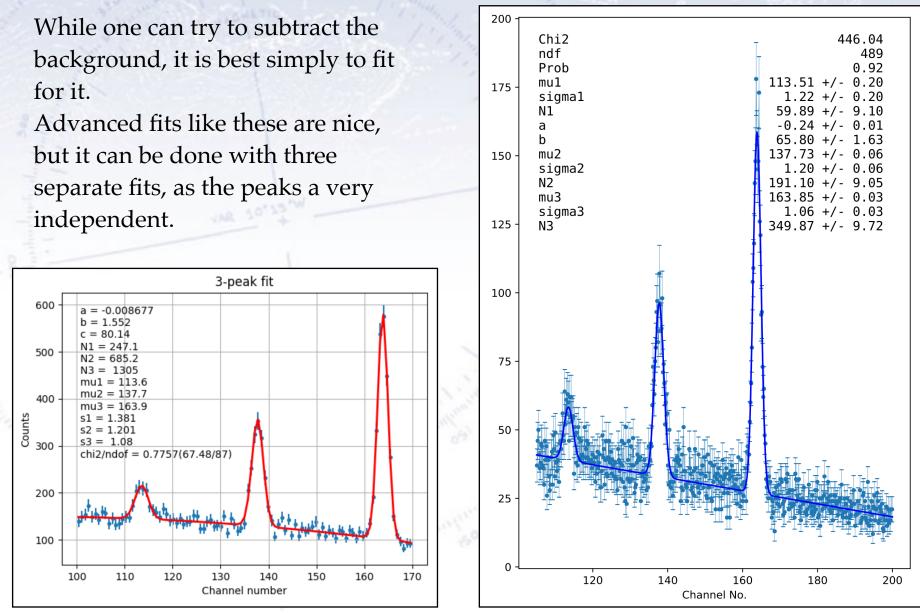
- 1 Many people had n and N as free parameters next to p in the binomial fit, while these should be fixed because the number of dices and throws is known. This gave them a different value for p (0.335 + /-0.005), which is less in tension with 1/3.
- 2 Many didn't quote errors on p, and just concluded that it was similar to 1/3.
- 3 A lot of people that used the KS test got a wrong value. Many got a p-value of 1. Not sure what went wrong there.
- 4 I also found that a lot of people interpreted the question slightly differently. For the second point, they just calculated whether a binomial in general was a good fit, not one specifically with p=1/3. And for the third point, they tested a Gaussian and Poisson as alternative hypotheses. Some people also didn't understand what was meant by "determine the probability for a 5 or a 6".
- 5 Thinking Poisson because of 26306 repetitions!

Problem 5.1

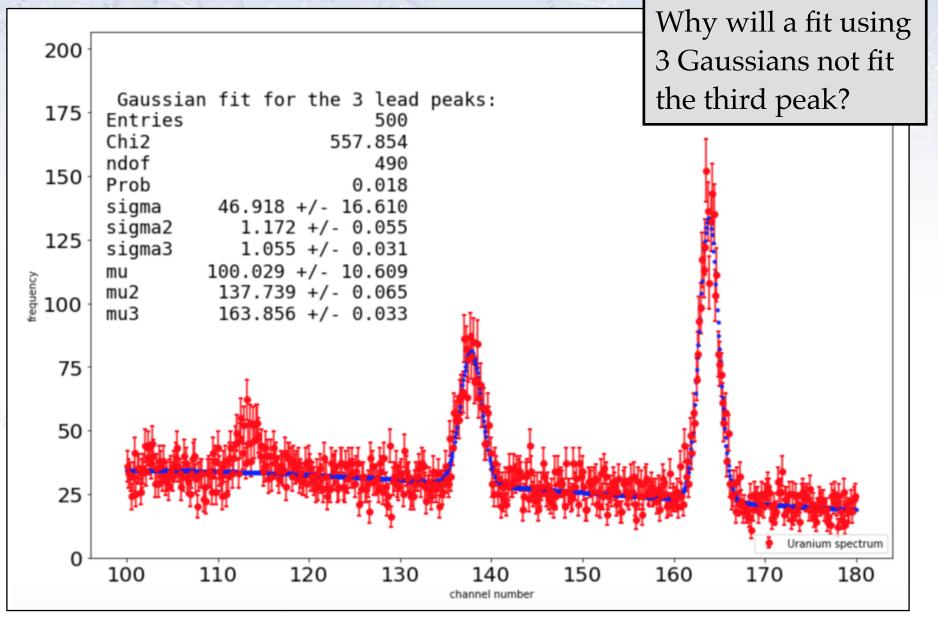
- 5.1 (19 points) Gamma ray spectra are used to identify radioactive isotopes in material from the very sharp peaks they produce. The file www.nbi.dk/~petersen/data_GammaSpectrum.txt contains 47173 measurements obtained from uranium ore, where each number refers to a *channel number* in the detector, which can be translated into an *energy* (roughly in the 0-1000 keV range).
 - The lead isotope ²¹⁴Pb produces three known, low energy gamma ray peaks at energies E: 242 keV (7.4 %), 295 keV (19.3 %), and 352 keV (37.6 %). Fit these three ²¹⁴Pb peaks.
 - For these three peaks, compare the *relative* distance $r = (E_3 E_2)/(E_2 E_1)$ (in channel number) with the corresponding tabular value (in energy). Does the relative distance match?
 - The more energetic bismuth ²¹⁴Bi gamma rays produce peaks at 609 keV (46.1 %) and 1120 keV (15.1 %). From peaks of your choice, determine the energy scale (i.e. how to determine energy from channel number) and test if it is linear.
 - Is the energy resolution (i.e. peak width) constant or does it change with energy?
 - A theoretical calculation predicts a (small) peak in the spectrum in the range 700-800 keV. Does the data support that prediction? And if so, at what energy?
 - Do you find any other peaks or features in the spectrum? If so, quantify your findings.



Problem 5.1



Problem 5.1 - 3 Gaussians...



Problem 5.1 - No fit solution!

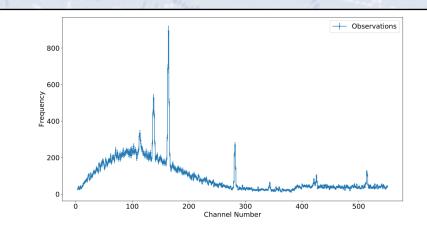


Figure 8: Binned data from uranium core, with a bin-width of 1.10.

From Figure 8 the three peaks corresponding to the peaks at energies 242 keV, 295 keV and 352 keV are visible, within the first 200 channels. In order to fit them I would fit a sum of three Gaussian distributions with mean and standard deviation according to the three peaks, using Chi2Regression with Minuit.

5.1.2 Had the fitting in the previous question worked I would have used the mean from each peak, to calculate a relative distance of the peaks r_{peaks} and compared it with the relative distance of the energies:

$$\begin{split} r_{peaks} &= \frac{\mu_3 - \mu_2}{\mu_2 - \mu_1} \\ r_{energies} &= \frac{E_3 - E_2}{E_2 - E_1} = \frac{(352 - 295)keV}{(295 - 242)keV} = \frac{57}{53} \approx 1.0755 \end{split}$$

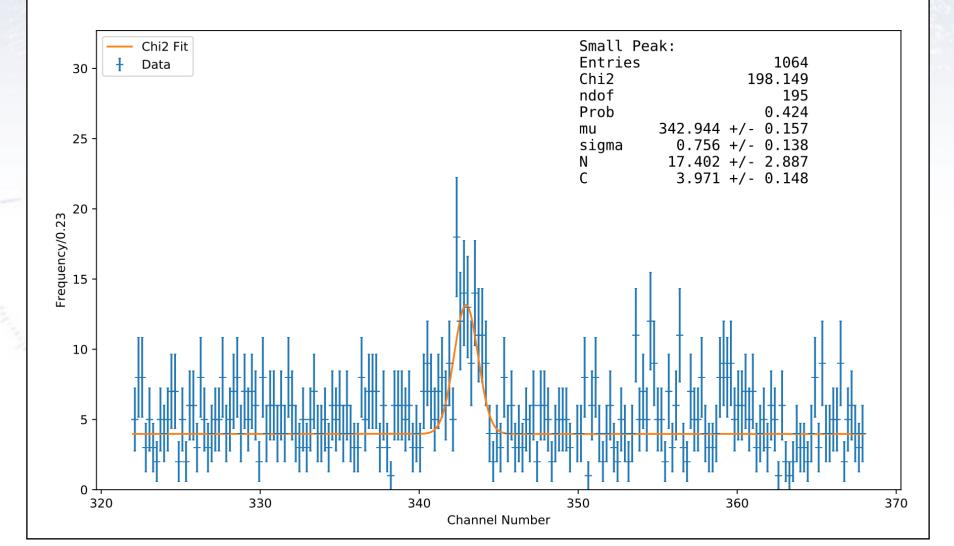
5.1.3 Depending on how well r_{peaks} and $r_{energies}$ match I would choose to determine the energy scale from the three first peaks. Maybe the energy scaling would allow to determine the peaks of 214Bi gamma rays at 609 keV and 1120 keV, and from those five peaks I would test if it was linear.

5.1.4 From the fits I would determine the peak width, using mean and standard deviation. Using the scaling from **5.1.3** I would determine if the energy resolution changes with energy.

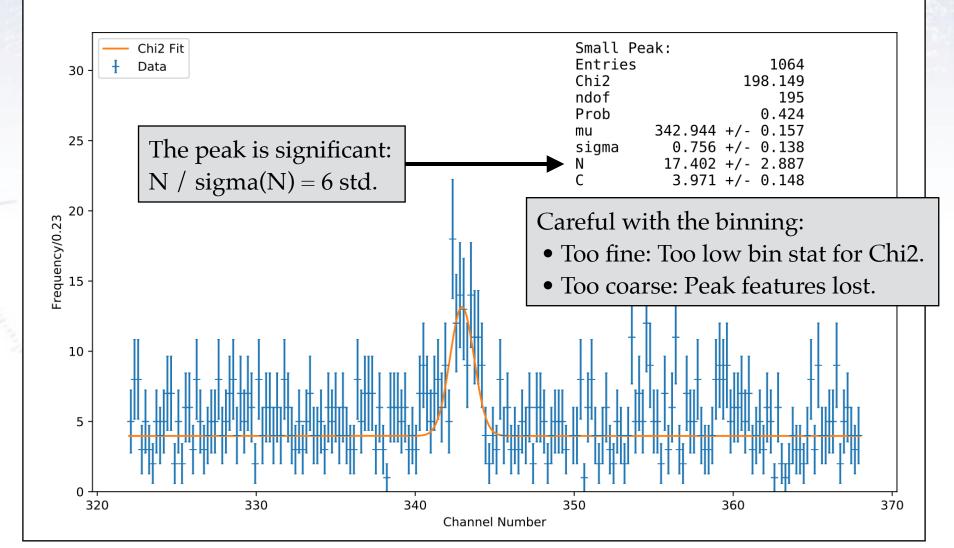
5.1.5 I would assume the small peak in the spectrum range 700-800 keV can be found in data around channel number 420, as I assume the peak at channel number 280 and the peak at channel 350 are from 214Bi gamma rays. Something I would test had I known the energy scale.

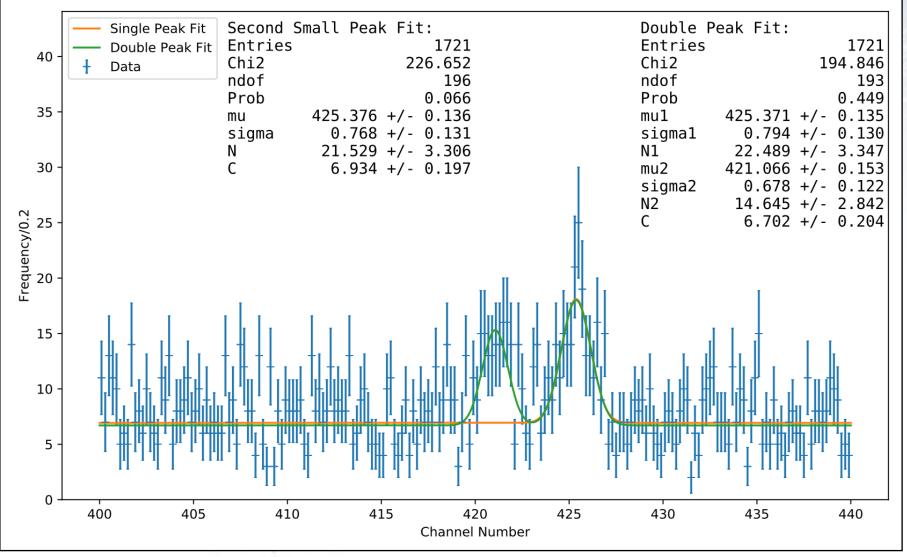
5.1.6 From the data it appears that at channel number 400 and on the frequency rises. This may be due to background measurements. Furthermore there are a total of 7 visible peaks in data, and only six peaks have been mentioned and could possibly be paired with actual gamma ray peaks in the above. Had I known the energy I might have determined that one of the peaks was just noise, or a value within the range of an actual gamma ray peak.

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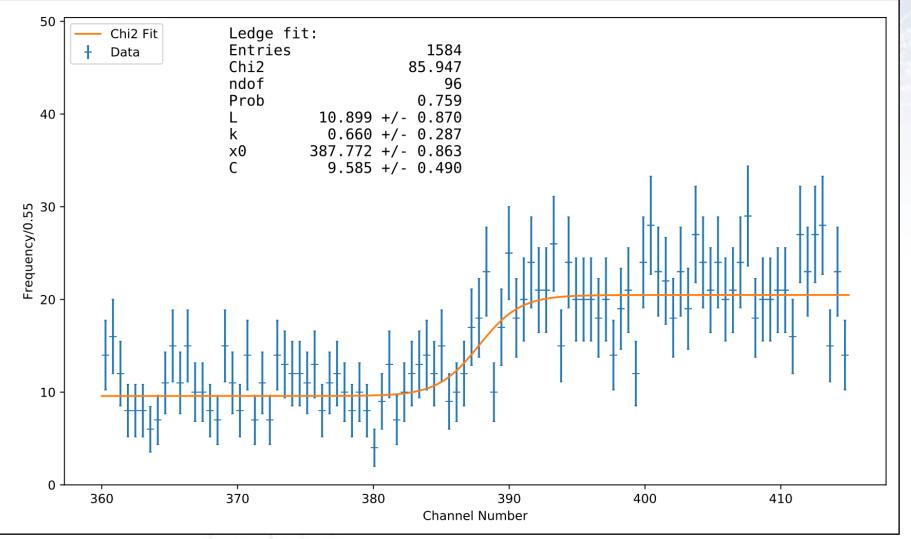


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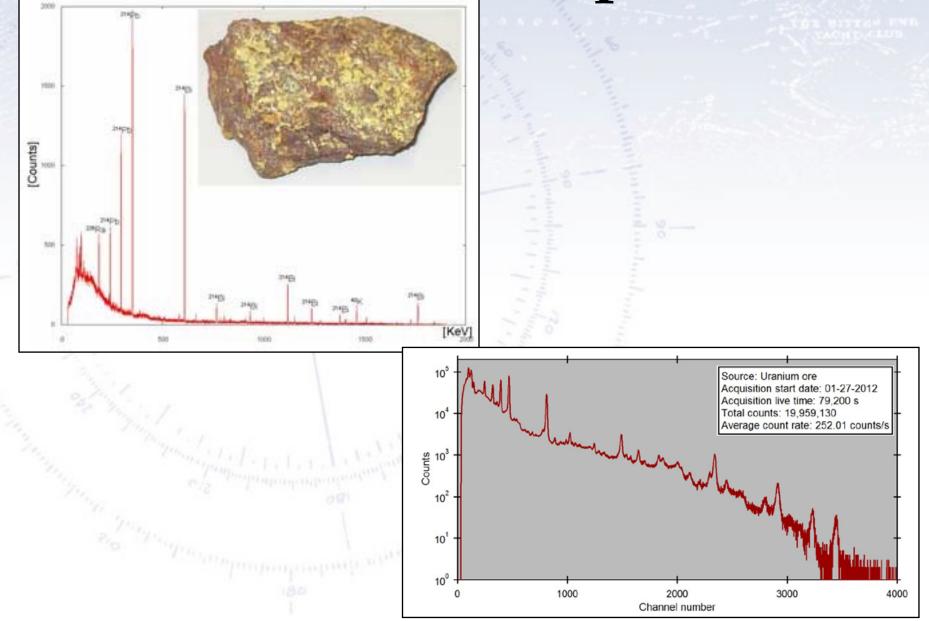


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Problem 5.1 - inspiration



"Doing statistic problems during the entire night is like partying. You can't stop yourself, but the next day you feel miserably..." [End of an exam solution]

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Problem 2.1 (tumor depth):

This is essentially the TableMeasurement problem (with less statistics). Especially the measurements without uncertainties gave rise to problems.

Problem 3.1.4 (generating numbers):

Fitting the 500 numbers gave rise to bins with low statistics (unless you binned coarsely!).

Problem 4.2 (Weldon's dice):

It was clear to most, that this was Binomial, but realising that the dice are not exactly fair was harder! Simply plotting (even without errors) was NOT enough. p(5+6) = 0.3378 + 0.0008, which is $>5\sigma$ from 1/3.

Problem 5.1 (Gamma spectrum):

The second problem on the ratios required proper error propagation, which few did. The fourth problem on the peak resolution (i.e. fitted widths) was a matter of comparing them (ChiSquare). The last problem is harder, as a "general open search" is less textbook and more reality!

- There was a double peak barely significant.
- There was a change in the background level.