

Fun with Formulas !

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Introduction

Formulas can be fun. They often can be made to look simple, transparent and thus beautiful!

This can be achieved with some simple rules and a few tricks of the trade.

This paper is a sample of some simple formulas, collected during my career as a physicist.

Some Examples:

- the relativistic formulas of Einstein
- the magic triangle formed by the derivatives of the corresponding relativistic parameters
- the use of binomial curves to approximate a variety of functions, like beam profiles, the fringe field of magnets, the flux and brightness of synchrotron radiation etc.
- the simple representation of phase space ellipses used in beam transport calculations

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$$e^{i\pi} = -1$$

This formula from Euler combines beautifully
3 fundamental numbers in mathematics

another „gem“ from Euler is:

$$3^3 + 4^3 + 5^3 = 6^3$$

in the the same spirit one can write:

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots n^3 = (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots n)^2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \frac{n^2(n-1)^2}{4} & & \left[\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right]^2 \end{array}$$

(I figured this out myself, but I am sure it exists somewhere in the literature, but I could not find yet the proper reference)

philosophy for formulas

- simplify formulas
- formula should indicate the proper dimensions
- use units of 1'000 (cm should not exist in formulas!)
- choose right scales for plots

example:

$c = 3 \cdot 10^8$ m/s ?? better is:

$c = 0.3 \cdot 10^9$ m/s or 300 m/ μ s or 0.3 mm/ps !!

$\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}$ Vs/Am ?? better is:

$\mu_0 = 0.4\pi$ μ H/m = 0.4π T/(kA/mm) !!

how to avoid akward numbers in electrodynamics

electron mass: $m = 9.11 \cdot 10^{-31}$ kg (?) => forget it !

use $mc^2 \equiv eU_0$, $U_0 = .511$ MV

$\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12}$ As/Vm (?) => forget it !

use $\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = 1/c^2$ with $\mu_0 = 0.4 \pi \mu\text{H/m}$

introduce impedance Z_0 :

$$Z_0 \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} c = 30 \Omega \quad (\equiv 29.9792458 \Omega)$$

Alfven current I_A (used in space charge calculations):

$I_A = 4\pi\epsilon_0 mc^3/e$ (?) => forget it ! (similarly for "perveance")

use instead "Ohms-law" : $I_A = U_0/Z_0 = 511 \text{ kV}/30\Omega = 17 \text{ kA}$

charged particle in a magnetic field B_0

=> Larmor-frequency

$$\omega_0 = \frac{e B_0}{m \gamma}$$

electron: $\frac{e}{m} = 1.76 \cdot 10^{11}$ C/kg (?) => forget it !

use $\frac{e}{2\pi m} = \frac{c^2}{2\pi U_0} = 28 \text{ GHz/T}$ (15.25 MHz/T for protons)

use of magic numbers
to memorize some relations, e.g.

photon energy \Leftrightarrow wavelength

$$\varepsilon \lambda = 1240 \text{ eV nm } (=hc)$$

trick => take square root !

VUV-region

$$35 \text{ eV } \Leftrightarrow 35 \text{ nm}$$

soft X-rays

$$1.1 \text{ keV } \Leftrightarrow 1.1 \text{ nm}$$

„old fashioned“

$$3.5 \text{ keV } \Leftrightarrow 3.5 \text{ \AA}$$

„infrared-people“ use wavenumber k in $[\text{cm}^{-1}]$

$$100 \text{ cm}^{-1} \Leftrightarrow 100 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$$

(correlations for arbitrary numbers are then quickly estimated
by multiplication resp. division)

"nice" numbers in the SLS facility:

increase of energy during design studies:

$$E : 1.8 \Rightarrow 2.1 \Rightarrow 2.4 \Rightarrow 2.7 \text{ GeV}$$

$$B\rho : 6 \Rightarrow 7 \Rightarrow 8 \Rightarrow 9 \text{ Tm}$$

circumference of storage ring:

$$L = 3 \cdot 96 \text{ m} = 288 \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{rf}} = 0.6 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{harmonic} = 480 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$$

TBA-dipoles 8° , 14° , 8°

bending angles = $10^\circ/\text{m}$

$$\rho = 18\text{m}/\pi = 5.73 \text{ m}$$

circumference of booster:

$$L = 3 \cdot 90 \text{ m} = 270 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{harmonic} = 450 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2$$

Einstein triangle

in relativistic equations use dimensionless quantities for velocity, energy and momentum on a democratic basis!

=> Einstein triangle and magic triangles for logarithmic derivatives

velocity: $v = \beta c$

total energy: $E = \gamma E_0$, $E_0 = mc^2 = eU_0$ (0.511 MeV for electron)

$$\gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2},$$

momentum: $p = \tilde{p} E_0/c = \tilde{p} mc$

$$\tilde{p} = \beta \gamma$$

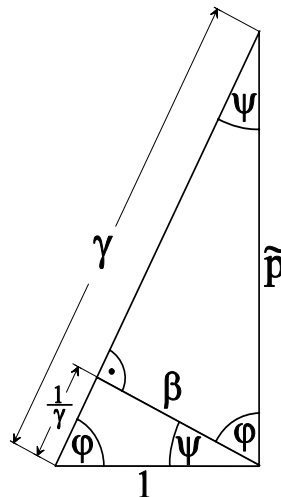
“Pythagoras”- connections give Einstein triangle and derivatives

$$1 + \tilde{p}^2 = \gamma^2$$

$$\tilde{p} d\tilde{p} = \gamma d\gamma$$

$$\beta^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} = 1$$

$$d\gamma = \beta \gamma^3 d\beta$$



for relativistic formula :
use trigonometric formulas!

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \beta^2)}}$$

$$\text{if } \beta = \sin \varphi, \text{ then } \gamma = \frac{1}{\cos \varphi}$$

$$\beta\gamma = \tan \varphi$$

the following table gives some easy reference values for
quick estimates or for calculations with a **pocket calculator!**

φ	$\beta = \sin\varphi$	$\cos\varphi$	$\gamma = 1/\cos\varphi$	$\mathbf{p = \beta\gamma}$ $\mathbf{= \tan\varphi}$
30°	0.5	0.87	1.15	0.58
36.9°	0.6	0.8	1.25	0.75
45°	0.71	0.71	1.41	1
53.1°	0.8	0.6	1.67	1.33
60°	0.87	0.5	2	1.71

highly relativistic case

$\gamma \gg 1$, $\beta \approx 1$ \Rightarrow use angle ψ

$$\beta \equiv \cos\psi \approx 1 - \psi^2 / 2$$

$$1/\gamma \equiv \sin\psi \approx \psi$$

$$\tilde{p} \equiv \beta\gamma = 1/\tan\psi \approx 1/\psi$$

$$1 - \beta \approx \frac{1}{2\gamma^2}$$

a) race to the moon between electron and photon:

electron "looses" by

$$\delta L = (1 - \beta) L \approx \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} L$$

$$\delta L \approx \frac{50m}{E^2 [GeV]}$$

SLS: 2.4 GeV, $\delta L = 8$ m

ESRF: 6 GeV, $\delta L = 1.4$ m

LEP II: 100 GeV, $\delta L = 5$ mm

b) race over one undulator period λ_u : if electron is just one wavelength λ behind photon (slippage) \Rightarrow positive interference

$$\delta L = \lambda = \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} \lambda_u (1 + K^2 / 2)$$

$$K = 0.0934 \text{ B[T]} \lambda_u [\text{mm}]$$



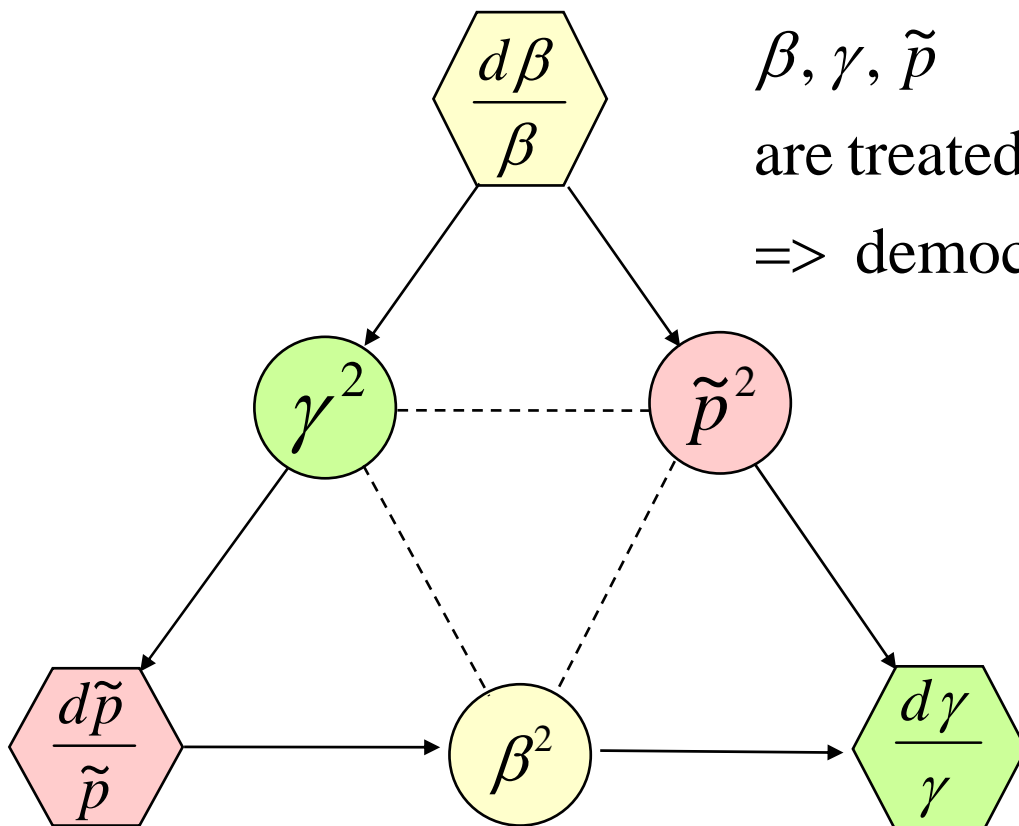
detour due to slalom in B-field !

magic triangle
with logarithmic derivatives of
relativistic parameter $\beta, \gamma, \tilde{p} \equiv \beta\gamma$

$$\frac{d\tilde{p}}{\tilde{p}} = \frac{d\beta}{\beta} + \frac{d\gamma}{\gamma}$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{p}}{\tilde{p}} = \gamma^2 \frac{d\beta}{\beta}$$

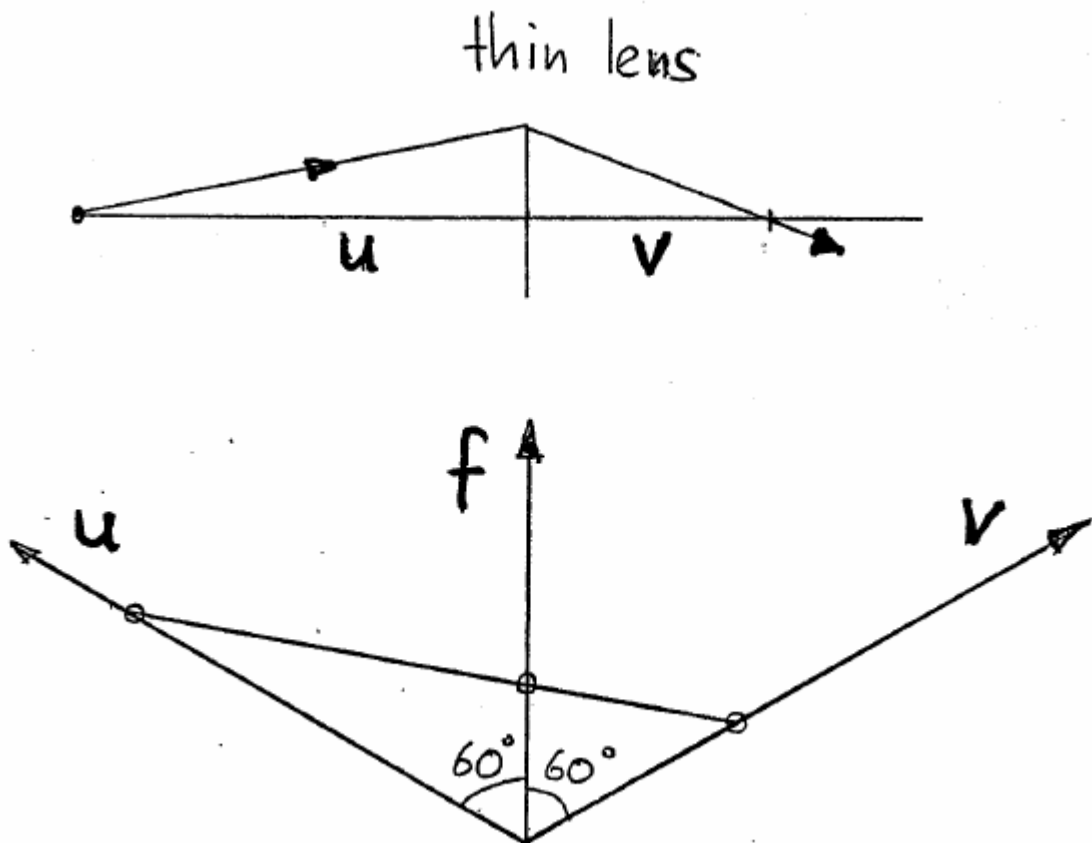
$$\frac{d\gamma}{\gamma} = \tilde{p}^2 \frac{d\beta}{\beta}, \quad \frac{d\gamma}{\gamma} = \beta^2 \frac{d\tilde{p}}{\tilde{p}}$$



β, γ, \tilde{p}
are treated equally
 \Rightarrow democracy!

the lens equation
solved graphically for a
thin lens with focal length f

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$$



same graph for resistances in parallel,
capacitances in series etc.!

AG-focusing

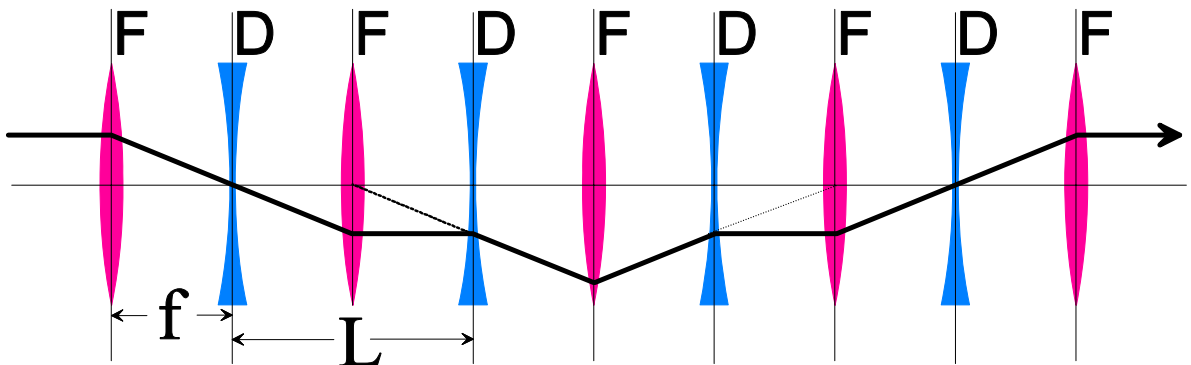
simple example of alternative gradient focusing:

⇒ FODO-lattice with thin lenses (focal length f)

if $L = 2f$ ⇒ construction is possible by hand !

it takes **6 periods** to get a 360° -oscillation

i.e. the phase advance/period is $\psi = 60^\circ$



exact solution with transfer matrices gives

$$\sin \frac{\psi}{2} = \frac{L}{4f}$$

for $L = 2f$ ⇒ $\psi = 60^\circ$

for $L = 4f$ ⇒ $\psi = 180^\circ$ (instability !)

general binomial curves

$$F(x) = F_{\max} y(u), \quad u \equiv x/x_L, \quad y(0) = 1$$

3 general cases :

short range : $s > 0$

$$y = (1 - u^n)^{1/s}, \quad (0 \leq u \leq 1)$$

$$\text{inverse : } u = (1 - y^s)^{1/n}, \quad (0 \leq y \leq 1)$$

long range : $s < 0$

$$y = (1 + u^n)^{1/s}, \quad (0 \leq u \leq \infty)$$

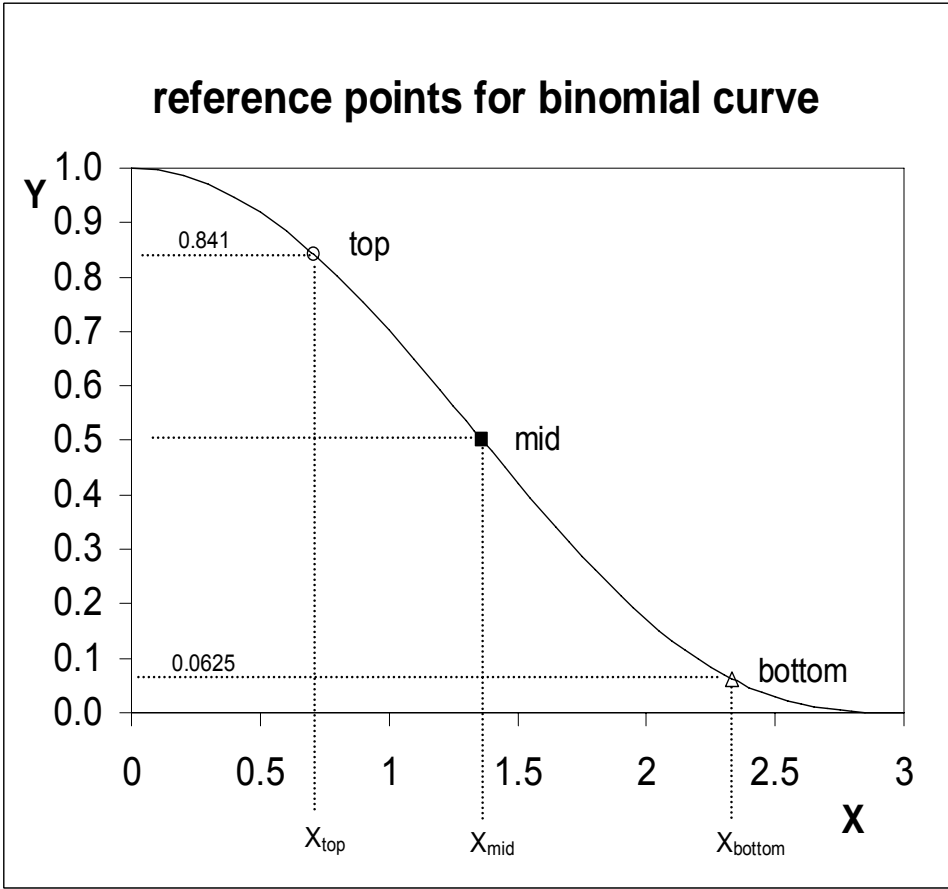
$$\text{inverse : } u = (y^s - 1)^{1/n}, \quad (0 \leq y \leq 1)$$

exponentials : (limit $s = 0$)

$$y = \exp(-u^n), \quad (0 \leq u \leq \infty)$$

$$\text{inverse : } u = (-\ln y)^{1/n}, \quad (0 \leq y \leq 1)$$

Classification of binomial curves



binomial: $y(x) = \left[1 - \text{sign}(s) \left(\frac{x}{x_L} \right)^N \right]^{\frac{1}{s}}$

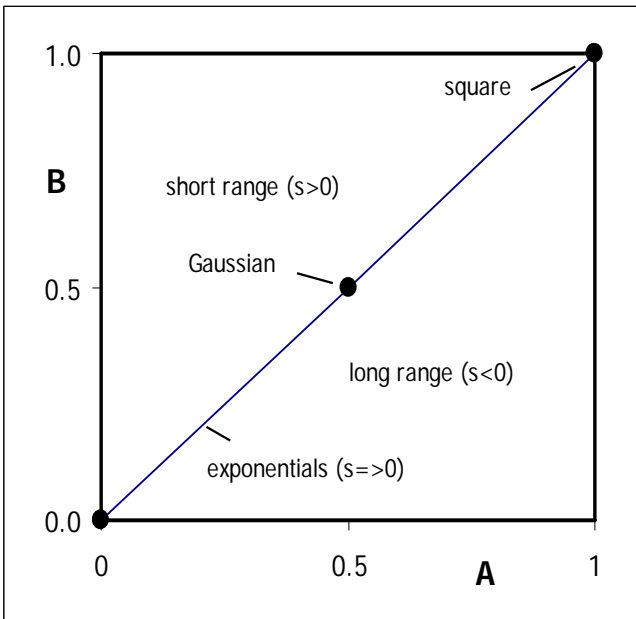
any 3 reference points will give a fit for N, S and x_L . But the chosen points top, mid and bottom allow a convenient classification in the (A,B)-Diagram

Classification of binomials in (A,B) - Diagram

$$y^{top} = 0.5^{1/4} = 0.841$$

$$y^{mid} = 0.5$$

$$y^{bottom} = 0.5^4 = 0.0625$$

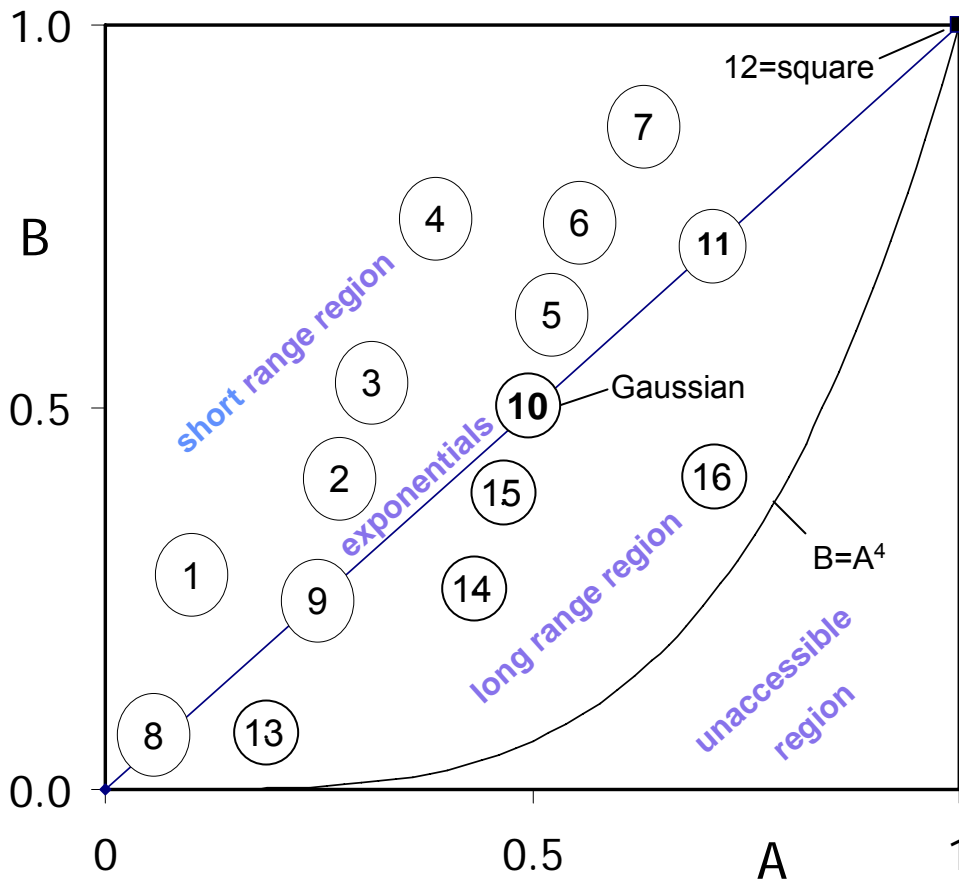


$$A \equiv \frac{X_{top}}{X_{mid}}, \quad B \equiv \frac{X_{mid}}{X_{bottom}}$$

properties of binomials

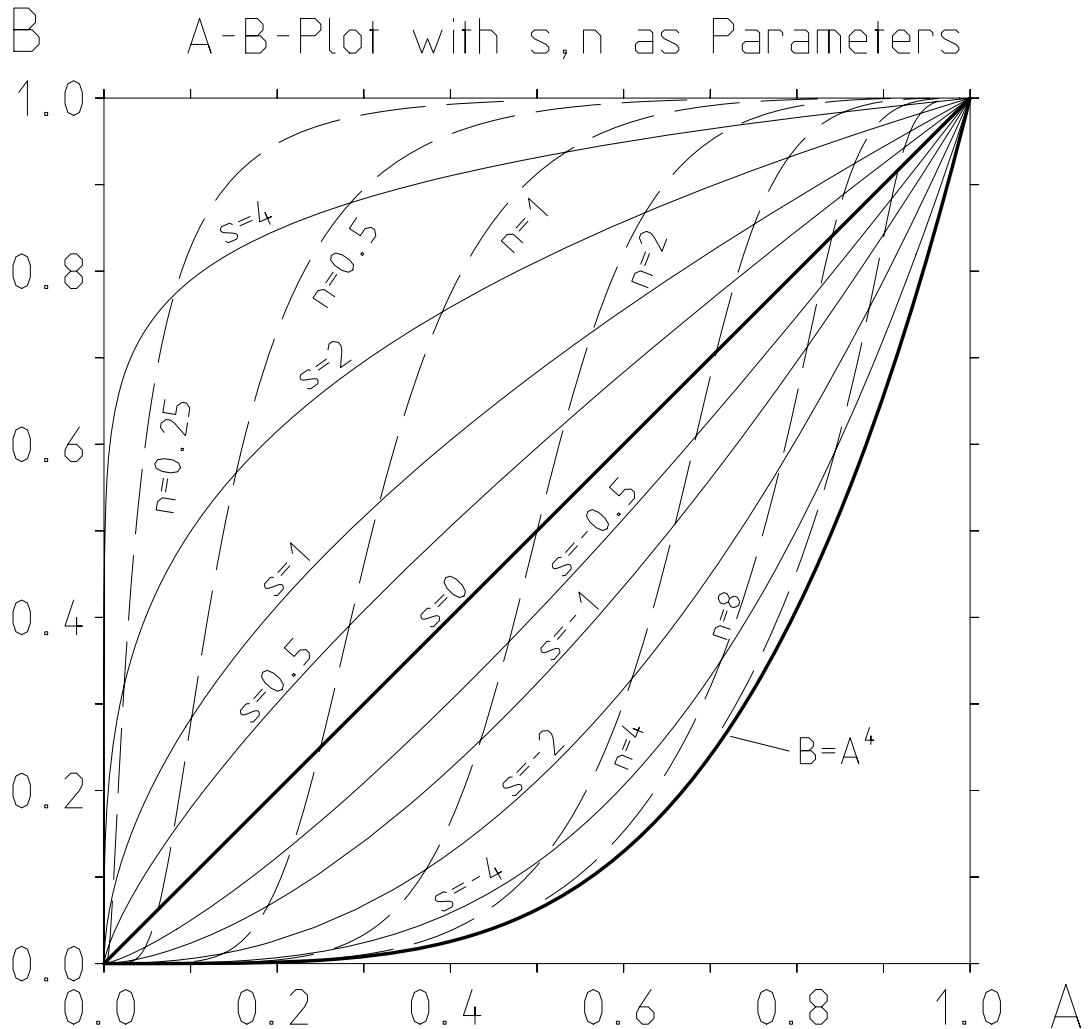
1. $y(u) = (1 \pm u^n)^{1/s}$ is monotonically decreasing, but transformations like $F(x) = A x^\alpha y(u)$ allow representations of functions which are not monotonic (e.g. Flux- or Brightness- curves)
2. **inverse** function exists : $y \Leftrightarrow u$, $n \Leftrightarrow s$
3. **4 free parameter:**
 1. F_{\max} gives scaling in y
 2. x_L gives scaling in x , ($u=1$)
 3. n determines flatness at $x = 0$
 4. s determines tail at large x
4. **Fit to data** using the 4 parameter with programs like "MATLAB", "IGOR" or "Excel" (insert , name , define) + (extras , solver)
5. **(A , B) – diagram** allows rough estimates of parameter n and s

typical profiles $y(u)$ in (A,B)-plot



1	$y = 1 - \sqrt{u}$		8	$y = e^{-\sqrt{u}}$	
2	$y = (1-u)^2$	parabola, convex	9	$y = e^{-u}$	exponential decay
3	$y = 1 - u$	triangle	10	$y = e^{-u^2}$	Gaussian
4	$y = \sqrt{1-u}$		11	$y = e^{-u^4}$	
5	$y = (1-u^2)^2$	biquadratic	12	$y = 1$	square
6	$y = 1 - u^2$	parabola, concave	13	$y = \frac{1}{1+u}$	
7	$y = \sqrt{1-u^2}$	quarter circle	14	$y = \frac{1}{1+u^2}$	Lorentzian
			15	$y = \frac{1}{(1+u^2)^2}$	bi-Lorentzian
			16	$y = \frac{1}{(1+u^7)^{1/3}}$	magnetic fringe field

Classification of „Profiles“ $y(u)$ with binomial curve



normalization: $y(0)=1, y(\infty)=0$

determine 3 reference points of $y(u)$:

top point : $y_T = 0.5^{1/4} = 0.861$,

mid point: $y_M = 0.5$,

bottom point: $y_B = 0.5^4 = 0.0625$

build ratios $A \equiv u_M/u_T$, $B \equiv u_B/u_M$

get estimate for s and n from diagram

$s > 0$: short range; $y = (1-u^n)^{1/s}$, $u < 1$, $A < B$

$s = 0$: exponentials; $y = \exp(-u^n)$, $A=B$, Gaussian: $n=2$, $A=B=0.5$

$s < 0$: long range; $y = (1+u^n)^{1/s}$, $A > B$

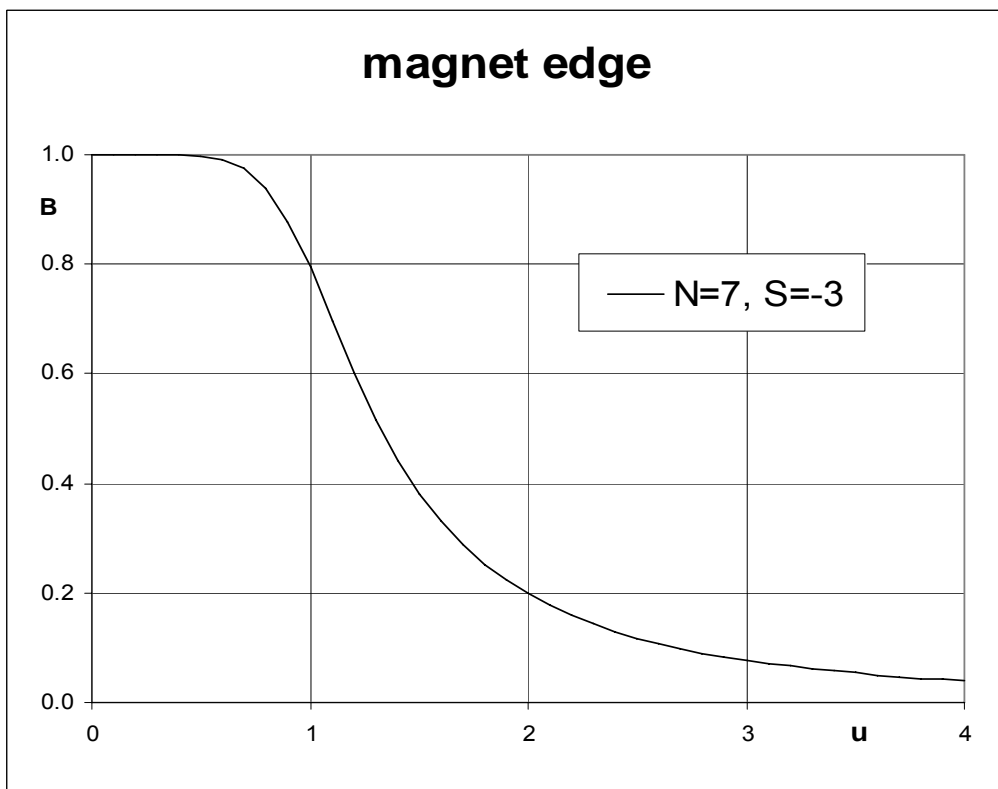
magnetic fringe field with binomial

$$B(x) \approx \frac{1}{(1 + u^7)^{1/3}}, \quad u \approx \frac{x - x_0}{gap}$$

$$x_0 \approx x(80\% \text{ field}) - gap$$

inverse :

$$u = \left(\frac{1}{B^3} - 1 \right)^{1/7}$$



Flux Spectrum of synchrotron radiation

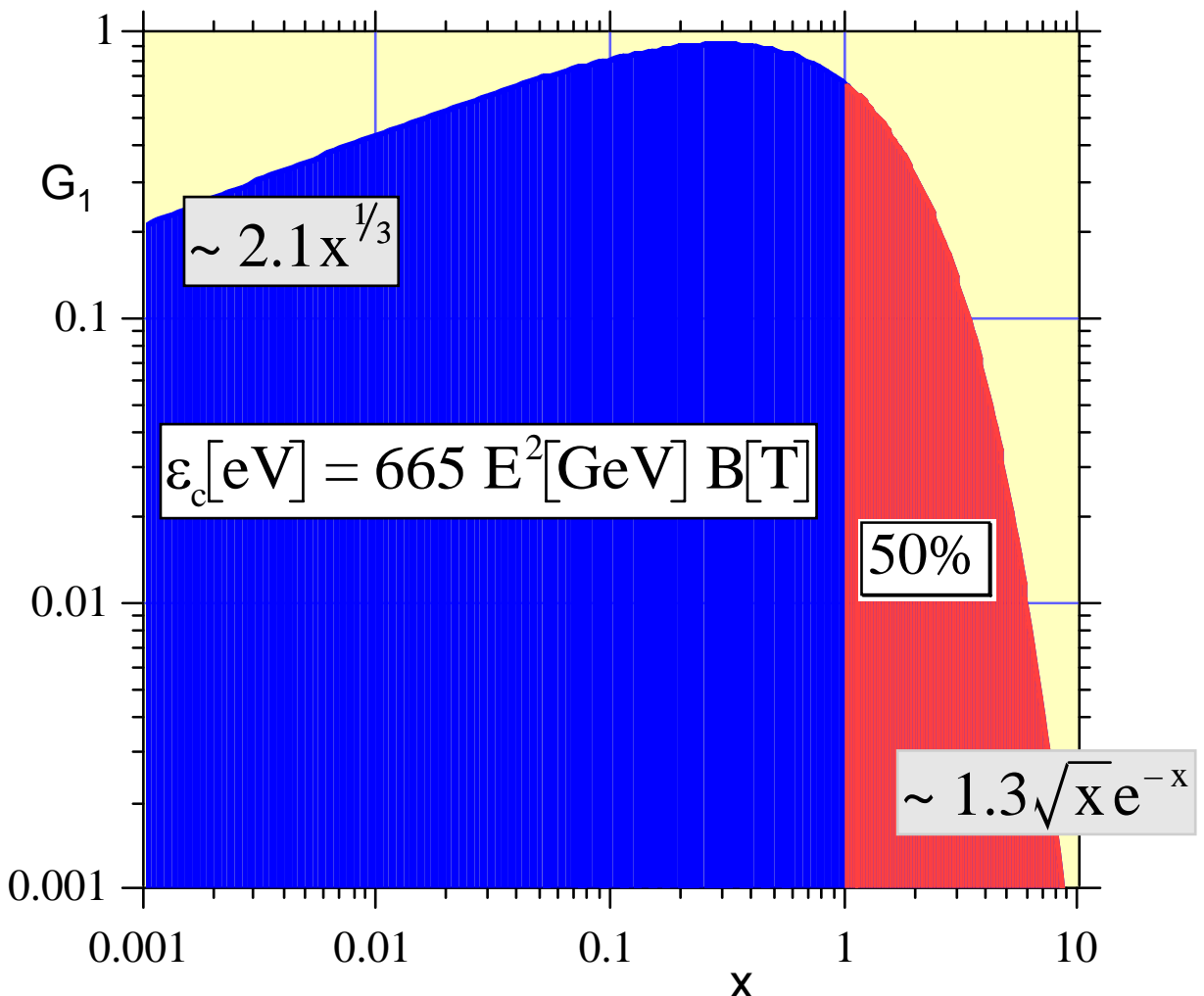
spectral flux F of electrons with energy E and current I from a bending magnet with magnetic field B .

$$F = 2.46 \cdot 10^{13} E[\text{GeV}] I[\text{A}] G_1(x)$$

(photons/(s · mrad · 0.1% bandwidth))

$x = \varepsilon/\varepsilon_c$, ε = photon energy, ε_c = critical photon energy

$$G_1(x) = x \int_x^\infty K_{5/3}(x') dx'$$



Flux-Spectrum of Synchrotron Radiation from Bending Magnet with Field B

$$G_1(x) = x \int_x^\infty K_{5/3}(x') dx'$$

$$x \equiv \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_c}, \quad \varepsilon = \text{photon energy}$$

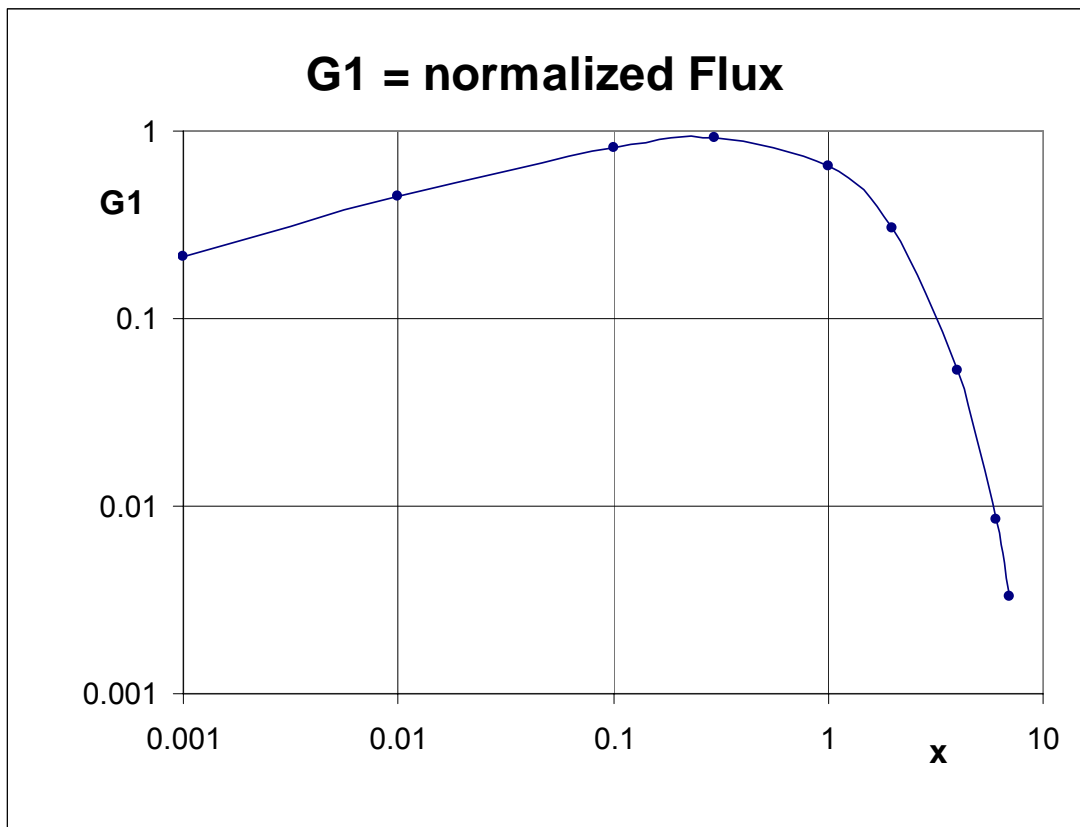
$$\varepsilon_c = 665 \text{ eV} \cdot E^2 [\text{GeV}] \cdot B [\text{T}]$$

Fit with $G_1(x) = A x^{1/3} g(x)$,

$$g(x) = \left[\left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{x_L} \right)^N \right)^S \right]^{\frac{1}{S}}$$

fit with 8 data points to $\pm 1.5\%$:

$$A = 2.11, \quad N = 0.848, \quad x_L = 28.17, \quad S = 0.0513$$



Brightness of Synchrotron Radiation from Bending Magnet with Field B

$$H_2(x) \equiv x^2 K_{2/3}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right),$$

$$x \equiv \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_c}, \quad \varepsilon = \textit{photon energy}$$

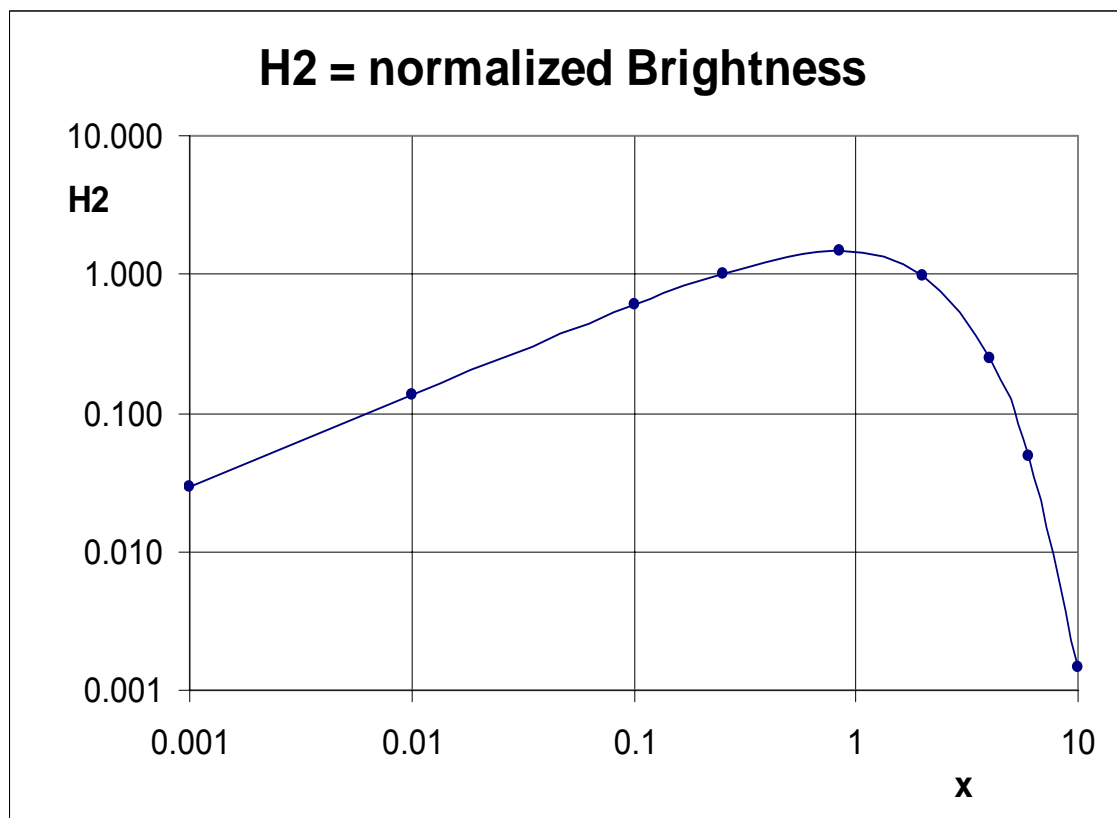
$$\varepsilon_c = 665 \text{ eV} \cdot E^2 [\text{GeV}] \cdot B [\text{T}]$$

Fit with $H_2(x) = A x^{2/3} h(x)$,

$$h(x) = \exp\left[-\left(\frac{x}{x_L}\right)^N\right]$$

fit with 8 data points to $\pm 2\%$:

$$A = 2.95, \quad N = 1.11, \quad x_L = 1.336$$



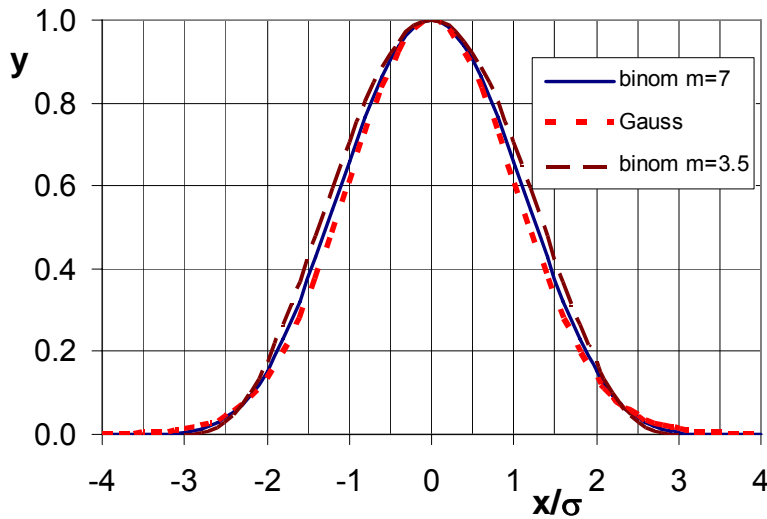
representations of beam profiles with binomials

1) Gaussian: $y = e^{-1/2(x/\sigma)^2}$

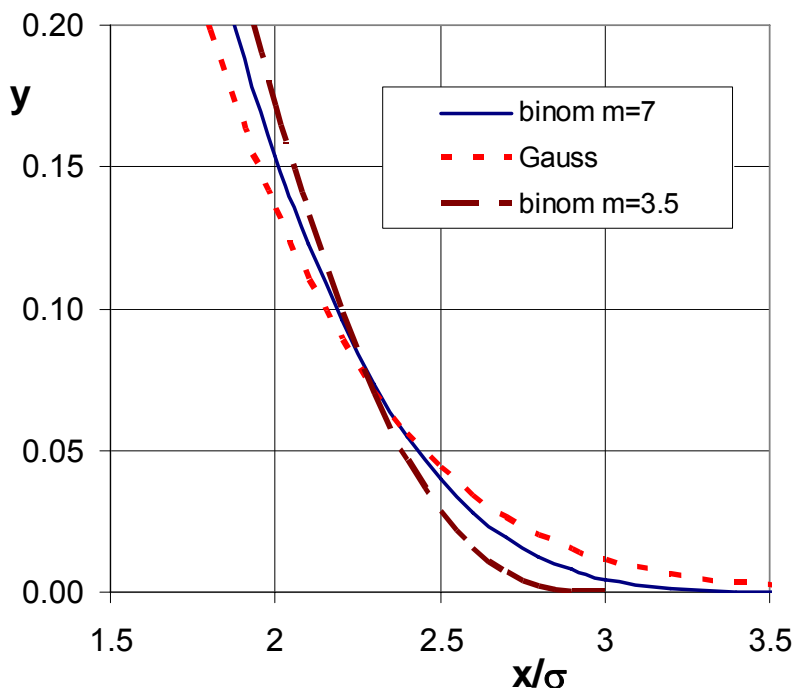
2) Binomials :

$$y = \left[\left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{x_L} \right)^2 \right)^{m-1/2} \right], \quad x \leq x_L, \quad x_L = \sqrt{2(m+1)} \sigma$$

clipped tails at x_L (e.g. $m=3.5$, $x_L = 3\sigma$, $m=7$, $x_L = 4\sigma$)



Profiles



Tails of Profiles

(full width at 10% level \approx
4.4 σ for large range of m)

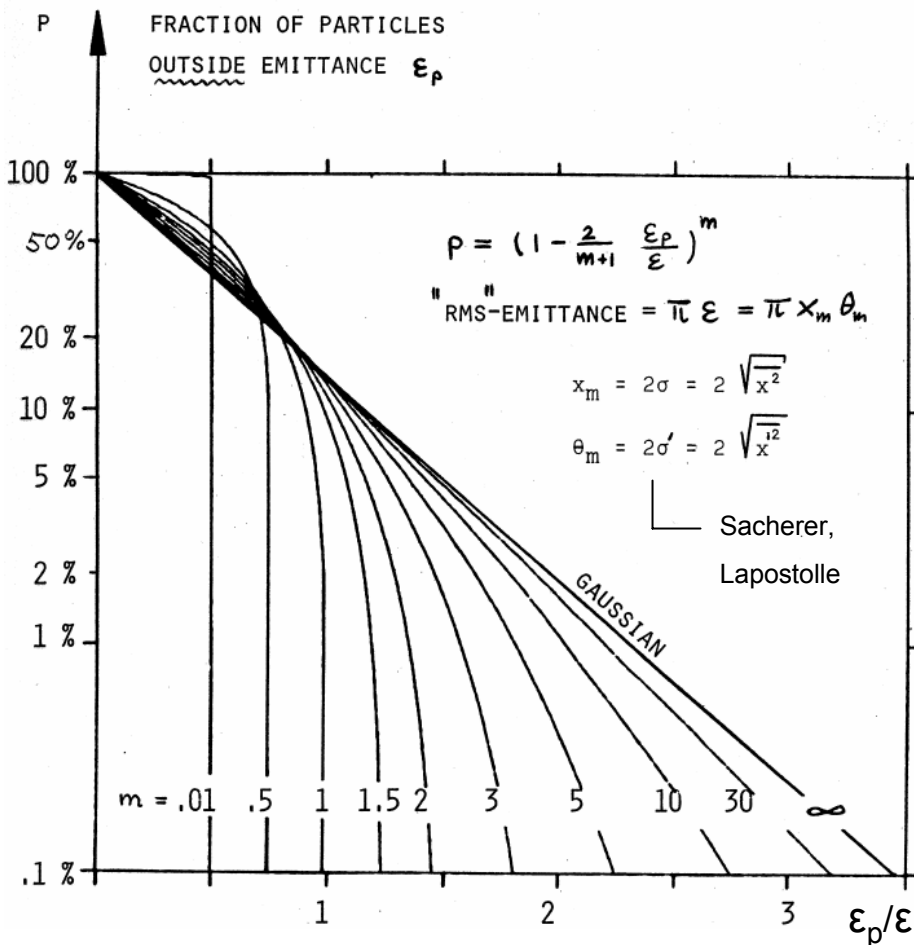
clipped binomial phase space densities

$$\rho(x, x') = (1 - a^2)^{m-1}$$

$$(a^2 \equiv u^2 + v^2 \leq 1, \quad u \equiv \frac{x}{x_L}, \quad v \equiv \frac{x'}{x'_L})$$

$$\text{projected profile : } y(x) = (1 - u^2)^{m-1/2}$$

we get again a binomial with the exponent reduced by 1/2



for $m \geq 1.5$ the curves have a crossing point at $\varepsilon_p \approx \varepsilon$ and $p \approx 13\%$; i.e. ca. 87% of all particles are inside an ellipse with emittance $\varepsilon = (2\sigma) \cdot (2\sigma')$, independent of m .

For a Gaussian distribution we have $p = \exp(-2\varepsilon_p/\varepsilon)$, which gives a straight line in this diagram ($m = \infty$).

Representation of rms beam ellipse in phase space (x, x')

For an arbitrary distribution of particles define the statistical values:

=> shift first origin such that $\langle x \rangle = \langle x' \rangle = 0$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle \equiv \sigma^2, \quad \langle x'^2 \rangle \equiv \sigma'^2, \quad \langle x x' \rangle$$

the **rms-emittance** ε is then defined as:

$$\varepsilon^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle \langle x'^2 \rangle - \langle x x' \rangle^2$$

the traditional representation of the rms-ellipse is given with
the Courant-Snyder invariant :

$$\gamma x^2 + 2\alpha x x' + \beta x'^2 = \varepsilon$$

the parameter α, β, γ are defined by:

$$\beta = \sigma^2/\varepsilon, \quad \gamma = \sigma'^2/\varepsilon, \quad \alpha = -\langle x x' \rangle/\varepsilon$$

with the relation

$$\gamma \beta = 1 + \alpha^2$$

the graph representing this ellipse is awkward to remember
and not easy to plot!

The parametric representation of the rms beam ellipse in phase space (x, x')

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sigma \cos \varphi & (0 \leq \varphi \leq 2\pi = \\ x' &= \sigma' \sin(\varphi + \chi) & \text{"running parameter"}) \end{aligned}$$

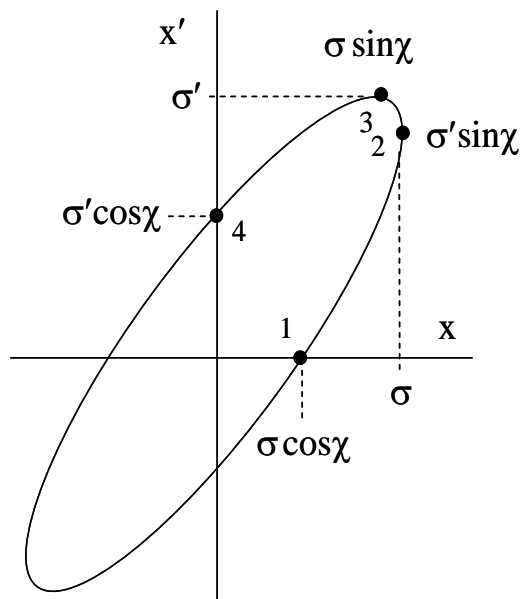
but what is phase shift χ ?

$$\sin \chi \equiv r_{12} \equiv \frac{\langle xx' \rangle}{\sigma\sigma'} = \text{correlation parameter}$$

(in a drift, χ is just the phase advance ψ from the waist position)

this representation of the rms-ellipse is easy to remember and easy to plot!

($\chi = 0$ gives a circle)



Some useful quantities are easy to guess from the factors $\sin\chi$ or $\cos\chi$ (χ is 0 at a waist!) and dimensional arguments (using m, mm and mrad)

emittance: $\varepsilon = \sigma\sigma' \cos\chi$ [mm mrad]

slope of envelope: $d\sigma/ds = \sigma' \sin\chi$ [mrad]

virtual waist size: $x_w = \sigma \cos\chi$ [mm]

β -function at virtual waist: $\beta_{\min} = (\sigma/\sigma') \cos\chi$ [m]

distance from virtual waist: $L_w = (\sigma/\sigma') \sin\chi$ [m]
 $= \beta_{\min} \tan\chi$

phase advance from virtual waist: $\psi = \chi$

the dictionary between the 2 representations is:

$$\alpha = -\tan\chi = -\frac{\langle xx' \rangle}{\varepsilon} \quad (= -x_3/x_1 = -x_2'/x_4') \quad [1]$$

$$\beta = \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon} = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma' \cos\chi} \quad (= x_2/x_4') \quad [m]$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\sigma'^2}{\varepsilon} = \frac{\sigma'}{\sigma \cos\chi} \quad (= x_3'/x_1) \quad [m^{-1}]$$

(as a check : $\beta\gamma = 1/\cos^2\chi = 1 + \tan^2\chi = 1 + \alpha^2$)

Example: convolution of the **electron beam ellipse** (x_1, x_1'), with parameter $\sigma_1, \sigma_1', \chi_1$ and the **diffraction limited photon beam** (x_2, x_2'), with parameter $\sigma_2, \sigma_2', \chi_2$ from an undulator.

Simple recipe:

add variances and correlations linearly

to form the combined ellipse (X, X') with parameter Σ, Σ', χ

$$\langle X^2 \rangle = \langle x_1^2 \rangle + \langle x_2^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle X'^2 \rangle = \langle x_1'^2 \rangle + \langle x_2'^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle XX' \rangle = \langle x_1 x_1' \rangle + \langle x_2 x_2' \rangle$$

or

$$\Sigma^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$$

$$\Sigma'^2 = \sigma_1'^2 + \sigma_2'^2$$

$$\Sigma \Sigma' \sin \chi = \sigma_1 \sigma_1' \sin \chi_1 + \sigma_2 \sigma_2' \sin \chi_2$$

the convoluted emittance is

$$\varepsilon = \Sigma \Sigma' \cos \chi \quad (\varepsilon \geq \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2)$$

with the dictionary one can, if necessary, transform these values back to the Courand-Snyder values α, β, γ .

correlations $x \Leftrightarrow y$

example:

income and research for 50 US companies in 1976

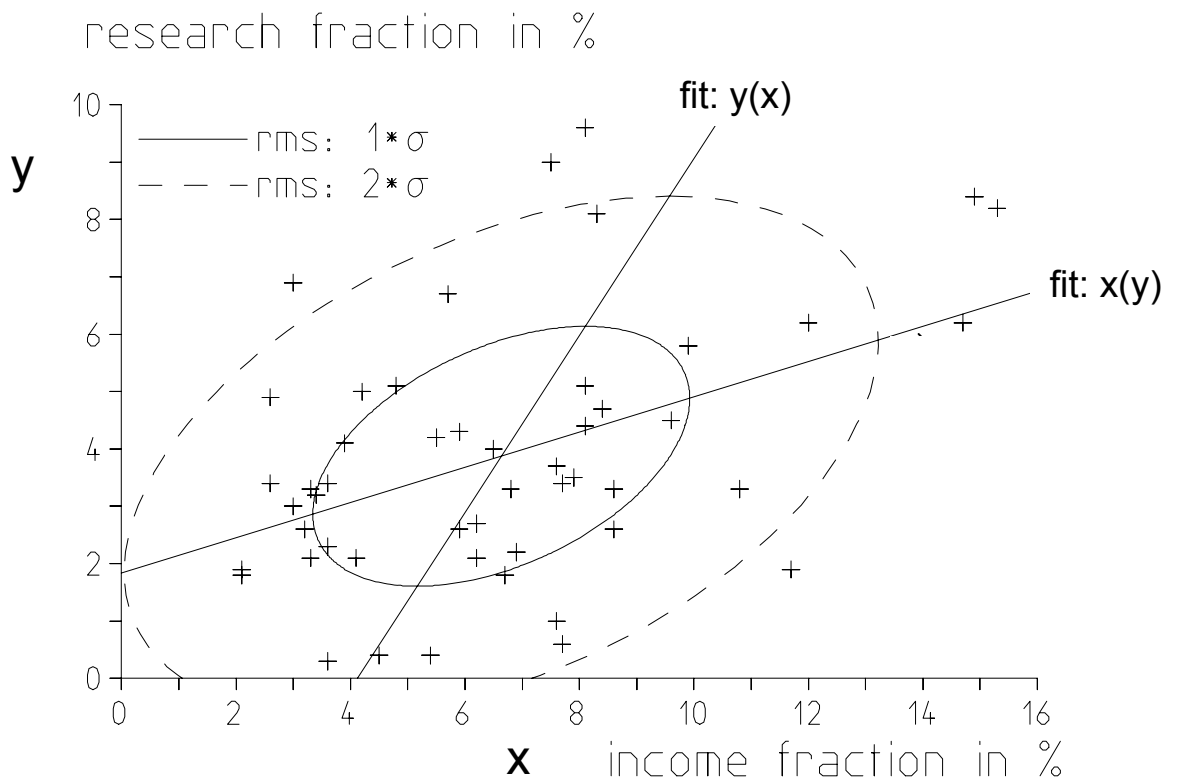
(from *physics today*, march and september 1978)

x = income / sales

y = research budget / sales

There are 3 possibilities to show a correlation:

1. linear fit of $y(x)$: income stimulates research !
2. linear fit of $x(y)$: research stimulates income !
3. correlation ellipse from $\langle x y \rangle$: high income \Leftrightarrow strong research



exponential growth with compound interest

For a quick estimate of exponential growth one can use

$$e^7 \approx 2^{10} \approx 10^3$$

example:

With an interest rate of $p(\%)$ it takes T_2 years to double an initial investment.

$$T_2 = 70 \text{ years}/p(\%)$$

$$(70 = 100 \ln 2)$$

To have an increase by a factor of 1'000 it takes T_{1000} years

$$T_{1000} = 10 T_2 = 700 \text{ years}/p(\%)$$