

GammaLib - Action #392

Feature # 34 (Closed): Implement MC methods for all spectral models

Implement MC method for GModelSpectralExpPlaw

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- Target version deleted (00-06-00)

#2 - 09/14/2012 11:38 PM - Knödseder Jürgen

- Target version set to 00-07-00

#3 - 12/15/2012 12:15 AM - Knödseder Jürgen

Here some Python code implementing an exponential cutoff power law random number generator. n is the number of random samples to be drawn, alpha the exponent and Lambda the cutoff value.

```
x = []
y = []
for i in range(10*n):
    y.append(xmin - (1./Lambda)*log(1.-random()))
while True:
    ytemp = []
    for i in range(10*n):
        if random() < pow(y[i]/float(xmin), -alpha): ytemp.append(y[i])
    y = ytemp
    x = x+y
    q = len(x)-n
    if q==0: break;
```

```
if (q>0):
    r = range(len(x))
    shuffle(r)
```

```
xtemp = []
for j in range(len(x)):
    if j not in r[0:q]:
        xtemp.append(x[j])
x=xtemp
break;
```

```
if (q<0):
    y = []
    for j in range(10*n):
        y.append(xmin - (1./Lambda)*log(1.-random()))
```

#4 - 12/15/2012 12:26 AM - Knödseder Jürgen

Here another code:

```
/*
Simulate power law with cut-off  $x^{(-\alpha)} \exp(-\lambda x)$ 
To simulate power-law with cutoff, one can generate an
exponentially distributed random number using the formula
above (as  $k > 0$  and integer, so  $k$  start at 1)
and then accept or reject it with probability  $p$  or  $1 - p$ 
respectively (i.e accept  $U_1 < p$  or reject  $U_1 > p$ , and
 $U_1$  is a uniform  $[0,1]$  random variable),
where  $p = (x/x_{\min})^{(-\alpha)}$  and  $x_{\min}=1$ .

http://www.santafe.edu/~aaronc/powerlaws/
*/
double rand_gen::powerlaw_dist(double alpha, double lamda)
{
    double x;
    do {
        x = exponential_dist(lamda);
    } while (pow(x,-1*alpha) < uniform_dist(0.,1.));
    return (x);
}

/*
To simulate exponential distribution  $\exp(-\lambda x)$ , the inverse
method is used.
The cumulative distribution function for the exponential
distribution is:  $1 - \exp(-\lambda x)$ . The inversion function
is  $-\log(1-U)/\lambda$ . The simplified form is  $-\log(U)/\lambda$ ,
where  $U$  is a uniform  $[0,1]$  random variable.
http://cg.scs.carleton.ca/~luc/rnbookindex.html
*/
double rand_gen::exponential_dist(double lambda)
{
    return(-1*log(uniform_dist(0.,1.))/lambda);
}
```

#5 - 12/15/2012 11:51 PM - Knödseder Jürgen

- File expplaw-check.png added

The method has now been implemented.

The above algorithm has proven to be very inefficient. We now use first the analytical power law MC to draw an energy, and then use a rejection method to see whether we should accept the sample or reject it. This works in a reasonable amount of time.

The following plot shows the simulation results for 5 hours of Crab observations with CTA (269285 photons simulated).

