

Re: HUP Fails Via Nonexistent Distributions 2: The Uniform Claim

- > means/expectations and variances and standard deviations as well as
- > similarly defined probabilities. The only scenario that comes remotely
- > close to "conjugate" HUP is assigning one variable, say position, to
- > the uniform distribution on some finite interval, say (0, 1), and
- > assigning the other variable to some varying interval like (0, L), and
- > letting L → infinity. Even if this were done, at no time and with no
- > scenario will either uniformly distributed random variable be "vague"
- > in any sense.
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- > In fact, the graph of a uniform distribution is a horizontal line
- > segment. For example, the graph of a uniform probability density
- > function (pdf) on (a, b) or [a, b] is a horizontal line segment above
- > the x axis between a and b where $a < b$, and the rest of the graph has 0
- > vertical position, that is to say is the remainder of the x axis. The
- > vertical axis here represents the value of the pdf, usually between 0
- > and 1 except for example when distributions are extremely concentrated
- > around one point in which case it may exceed 1 for continuous
- > distributions. The height of the graph above the horizontal or x axis
- > is $1/(b - a)$. So if $a = 0$, the height would be $1/b$, and if $b = L \rightarrow$
- > infinity, all that happens is that the height → 0 without reaching 0
- > at any finite time. What this means "physically" is that whatever is
- > involved gets more and more "equally" or "uniformly" distributed along
- > more and more of the real line, with the limit being "equally
- > distributed" along the entire real line (but is never attained).
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- > There is nothing "conjugate" about this scenario, but what is even more
- > remarkable, if two random variables were related in the above manner on
- > for example [0, 1] and [0, L], they would be influencing each other
- > rather than being causally unrelated! In other words, position x and
- > momentum p would themselves not be causally unrelated but one would
- > influence the other and presumably both influence each other. Thus, the
- > HUP would imply either the Weak HUP (WHUP) or something very similar to
- > it.
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- > It is true that as [0, L] gets bigger and bigger as an interval, the
- > variance increases since the latter is $(1/12)(b - a)^2$ or here
- > $(1/12)L^2$. However, for the uniform distribution all this reflects is
- > the largeness or large size of the entire real line, since "equally or
- > uniformly distributed" continues to hold for both variables
- > proportionately to the size of the domain (the line segment in which
- > the distribution has a support (is > 0)).
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- > Osher Doctorow

Anyone in the accelerator community knows full well that it is possible to know "very precisely" the exact position AND momentum of an electron at any given position on its "very precise" trajectory in high energy circular accelerators, and that it is even easy to "predict" where it will be on its trajectory at any moment in the near future as long as both sustaining fields are maintained constant.

Ref: "Principles of Charged Particle Acceleration", Stanley Humphries, jr.

The hup is nowhere in sight when the chips are down to practical experimentation.

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