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# **Searching Applications of Benford's Law to Investigate Beam Jitter**

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## Outline

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  - Definition and Origin
  - Applications/Uses
- Application for particle accelerators
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  - Beam jitters/noise and distribution
- Methodology
  - Generate synthetic and real distributions using Python
  - Extracting First Digits and Analyze
  - Results, Findings, & Shortcomings
- Conclusions



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• Explore Applications of Benford's Law to predict jitter and noise in the beam distribution

• Apply Benford's Law on beam measurement data of PIP2IT beamline.



#### **Benford's Law**

Origin - Simon Newcomb and worn logarithmic tables  $\rightarrow P_{10} = \log_{10} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{d} \right)$ Frank Benford rediscovers in 1938 and extends it to  $\rightarrow P_d = \log_b \left( 1 + \frac{1}{d} \right)$ 



Benford's Law for Leading Digits

Benford tests it himself

First Digit Distributions Expressed as Percentages for Various Physical Data Sets<sup>a</sup>

	First Digit Frequencies										Dynamic Range
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Number of Values in Each Data Set	of the Data (max/min)
$P_D$	30.1	17.6	12.49	9.69	7.92	6.69	5.80	5.12	4.58		
Geomagnetic Field	28.9	17.7	13.3	9.4	8.1	6.9	6.1	5.1	4.5	36512	$10^{10}$
Geomagnetic reversals	32.3	19.4	13.9	11.8	5.3	4.3	3.2	5.4	4.3	93	$10^{3}$
Seismic wavespeeds below SW-Pacific	30.0	17.6	13.3	9.8	7.9	6.4	5.6	4.89	4.47	423776	$10^{6}$
Earth's gravity	33.0	16.6	11.2	8.5	7.5	6.7	5.94	5.57	5.03	25917	10 <sup>9</sup>
Exoplanet mass	33.9	15.4	10.7	9.2	6.23	9.47	5.98	4.48	4.48	401	10 <sup>5</sup>
Pulsars rotation freq	33.9	20.7	12.7	7.6	5.3	5.0	4.94	4.67	4.88	1861	$10^{4}$
Fermi space telescope $\gamma$ -ray source fluxes	30.3	17.9	13.0	9.9	7.6	6.96	5.23	5.23	2.72	1451	$10^{5}$
Earthquake depths	31.6	16.9	14.0	8.69	6.98	7.42	5.27	4.58	4.36	248915	$10^{2}$
S-A seismogram	28.4	15.7	12.5	9.6	8.97	7.37	6.52	6.04	4.93	24000	10 <sup>5</sup>
Green house gas emissions by country	29.9	17.9	11.4	7.6	9.2	8.15	5.97	4.89	4.89	184	$10^{4}$
Global Temp anomalies in period 1880-2008	27.7	19.4	12.7	12.1	8.9	5.4	6.61	4.32	2.81	1527	$10^{2}$
Fund. Phys. constants	34.0	18.4	9.2	8.28	8.58	7.36	3.37	5.21	5.52	326	$10^{4}$
Global Infectious disease cases	33.7	16.7	13.2	10.7	7.3	5.4	4.56	5.07	3.34	987	$10^{6}$
Geometric series	29.8	17.4	13.0	10.0	7.8	6.6	5.8	5.0	4.6	1000	$10^{21}$
Fibbonacci sequence	30.0	17.7	12.5	9.6	8.0	6.7	5.7	5.3	4.5	1000	$10^{14}$
Combined	30.9	17.4	13.2	9.0	7.6	6.4	5.7	4.8	5.0	10000	10 <sup>33</sup>

### **Benford Applications**

- Minimal interest except for Knuth in 1968 programming.
- More recent, prominent applications include validity testing:
  - COVID data
  - Fraud Detection & Auditing
  - Election Data
  - Statistical Physics?
- Non-Examples:
  - Height
  - IQ scores
  - Car prices
  - Phone Numbers





0.31772278 0.14892908 0.11707912 0.10165353 0.08256575 0.07468649 0.06436577 0.05115969 0.04183776 0.30102999 0.17609125 0.12493873 0.09691001 0.07918124 0.06694678 0.05799194 0.0511525 0.04575745

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### **Benford Criteria**

Something conforms to Benford's Law if:

- $P_d \approx \log_{10} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{d} \right)$
- Orders of magnitude
- Scale invariance
- Data describes the same object
- No artificial max/min imposed on data
- Number cannot be assigned (e.g. phone numbers)



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  - Python Programming
  - Validation of Benford's law on synthetic distribution
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Python
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```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import math
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def benford(d):
    return np.log10(1+1/d)
d_values=np.linspace(.1, 10, 100)
benford_prob=benford(d_values)
```

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numbers = [float(n) for n in range(1, 10)]
benford = [math.log10(1 + 1 / d) for d in numbers]
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digits = list(range(1,10))
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```
#Beam Position Data X
beam_data_X = np.loadtxt('ALLBPMX.txt', unpack = False)
plt.style.use('bmh')
plt.hist(beam_data_X, bins = 200,color = 'teal',hatch = '')
plt.xlabel('Horizontal Beam Centroid (\u03BCm)')
plt.ylabel('Pulse Counts')
plt.title('All BPMs')
plt.show()
```

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#Beam Position Data Y
beam_data_Y = np.loadtxt('ALLBPMY.txt', unpack = False)
plt.style.use('bmh')
plt.hist(beam_data_Y, bins = 200,color = 'salmon',hatch = '')
plt.xlabel('Vertical Beam Centroid (\u03BCm)')
plt.ylabel('Pulse Counts')
plt.title('ALL BPMs')
plt.show()
```

```
#Mean Absolute Deviation
MAD_X = (1/9)*sum(abs(residuals_X))
MAD_Y = (1/9)*sum(abs(residuals_Y))
print('MAD X = ' + str(MAD_X))
print('MAD Y = ' + str(MAD_Y))
```

```
#First Digit Counts X
digit_counts_X = [0]*9
with open("ALLBPMX 1ST DIGIT.txt","r") as file:
    lines=file.read().splitlines()
    for line in lines:
        if line.isdigit() and int(line) in range (1,10):
            digit_counts_X[int(line)-1]+=1
print(digit_counts_X)
#First Digit Counts Y
```

```
digit_counts_Y = [0]*9
with open("ALLBPMY 1ST DIGIT.txt","r") as file:
    lines=file.read().splitlines()
    for line in lines:
        if line.isdigit() and int(line) in range (1,10):
            digit_counts_Y[int(line)-1]+=1
print(digit_counts_Y)
```

#Digit Proportions X
total\_count = sum(digit\_counts\_X)
digit\_proportions\_X = [count/total\_count for count in digit\_counts\_X]

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#Digit Proportions Y
digit_proportions_Y=[count/total_count for count in digit_counts_Y]
```

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#Benford Deviation
actual_X = (digit_proportions_X)
predicted = (benford)
array1 = np.array(actual_X)
array2 = np.array(predicted)
residuals_X = np.subtract(array1,array2)
summand_X = (residuals_X/predicted)**2
summation_X = sum(summand_X)
Benford_Deviation_X = np.sqrt(summation_X)
print("Benford Deviation \u03B4= " + str(Benford Deviation_X))
```



### **Calculating Benford Deviation: Methods**



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#### **Popular Number Sets Raw Data**



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#### **Popular Number Sets Against Benford**



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### **Popular Number Sets Against Benford (again)**



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### **PIP2-IT**

- PIP2-IT Goals address risks for PIP-II linac, test front-end of PIP-II
- Facility was completed & successfully commissioned in 2021



- Starts with ion source, turns Hydrogen gas  $\rightarrow$  beam of H<sup>-</sup> ions
- RFQ accelerates beam to MEBT where beam is manipulated.
- Two super conducting cryomodules accelerate beam up to 25 MeV.
- Remaining are beam measurement, diagnostics, and dump station

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### **PIP2-IT Medium Energy Beam Transport (MEBT)**



- Beam Horizontal and Vertical positions are measured using Beam Position Monitor (BPMs)
  - BPMs are located at center of each Quadrupole Doublet and triplet.
- BPM data were used to quantify eam position jitters.



#### **Jitter and Noise**

The variation in timing or arrival of particles or beams at specific points within the accelerator system. Arises from accelerator defects, external disturbances, fluctuations in the power supply.

Affect efficiency of accelerator performance, thus affecting measurement accuracy and experimental outcomes.

If we want to take more data, it has to be accurate!



### **Beam Position Data**

- Beam Position measured almost 12,000 times in all nine BPMs.
- Position varies in both planes
- Origin of jitters unknown, methods to resolve unsuccessful.
- Ultimately impacts were negligible.





### **Testing Benford on Normal Distributions**



### **PIP2-IT BPM Data: First two BPMs**





Deviation from Benford



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### **PIP2-IT BPM Data: All BPMs**



Using MAD, for all nine BPMs, 0/18 distributions exhibited even marginal Benford conformity.

Using  $\delta$ , about 4/18 showed "preference to leading digits" but no conformity.

Poor conformity – why?



### **Conclusions**

Noise  $\rightarrow$  Randomness  $\rightarrow$  Benford Deviation

Experimental noise is persistent, even at low temps

Ambiguity in metrics

Benford's law is somewhat trivial and postdictive, not predictive



#### Where to go from here?

Other test methods

- Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test yielded similar results for

Examine other details:

- Outliers
- Skewness
- Orders of magnitude

Analyze additional beam data



### **Take Home**

Immersed in the Fermilab culture

- Mentored by and interact with top scientists

Cross-disciplinary

Math, Stats, Python, Particle Accelerators, & Beam Dynamics

Every teacher's favorite question



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#### **PIP2-IT SRF Phase**



HWR CM & SSR1 CM are first two in PIP-II Niobium insulated cavities, cooled to 2° K RF doubles from HWR to SSR1



#### **More Pictures**

Top Right – PIP2IT Facility Top Left – RFQ at PIP2IT Bottom Left – PIP2IT Chopper Bottom Right – SSR1 at PIP2IT











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